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Halcyon Days At Christmas

AT Christmas time in England, writes Oliver G. Pike, often have a period of calm weather, when the trees stand motionless and the sea itself is calm; these are known as halcyon days, and halcyon is the kingfisher. An ancient author wrote, "The halcyons are of great name and much marked, they lay, and sit about mid-winter when daisies are shortest, and the times while they are brooding is called the halcyon days; for during this season the sea is calm and navigable."

In the days of long ago it was believed that the English kingfisher nested at Christmas time; it was said that it built its strange nest of fish bones on the sea, and during the time of incubation the gods looked down and calmed the waters until the young arrived.

The Legend

The first two kingfishers were the Greek nymph Alcyon and Ceyx, her sailor boy lover; Alcyon, the god of the winds, was the father of Alcyon, while her mother was the beautiful rainbow. The legend tells us that during a terrible storm Ceyx was drowned at sea, and for days afterwards Alcyon's grief was so great that it was thought she, too, would die, but

They Still Bring Frankincense At Christmas Time

AND when they were come into the house they saw the young Child with Mary, His mother, and fell down and worshipped; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts, gold and frankincense—

The Wise Men from the East brought to Bethlehem the most valuable presents they could find. For as long as man could remember, such presents had been dedicated to their gods.

Two thousand years ago frankincense was one of the most valuable and sacred commodities in the world. Every altar and every funeral required this fragrant gum. Pliny wrote: "The heaps of odors that are piled up in honor of the bodies of the dead. It is the luxury of man, which is displayed even in the paraphernalia of death, that has rendered Arabia thus happy."

For it was Arabia that had the monopoly of this rich trade, and there only, to the east of Aden, in that part of the country known as the Hadramaut, was the gum produced.

Camel Caravans

Frankincense comes from a small tree which is tapped through short incisions in the bark. The milky juice which then exudes is allowed to dry into gum. This tree was sacred, and everything connected with it, the harvesting of the gum, the cultivation of the tree itself, those who handled it—all were governed by religious rites and rules.

The control of this monopoly lay in the city of Shabwa, the ancient capital of the Hadramaut. Then it was a great walled town with sixty temples, and from it led one of the oldest trade routes in the world from the frankincense country to the

markets of Egypt, Syria, and Rome. The great camel caravans skirted the central desert, then turned north to Mecca, and thence to Alexandria, Antioch and Rome with their precious freight.

There were special store-rooms for the sacred gum in the Temple at Jerusalem; vast quantities were used each year in the temples of Egypt; the Arabs paid it as tribute to Darius, the Persian, and Alexander the Great sent it as a present to his tutor. So valuable was it that men who handled it were stripped before they left their work and searched in case they might have stolen some!

Part of the crop was taken down to the coast and shipped up the Red Sea to Egypt. It was the lure of this lucrative trade, and the exorbitant rates charged by the Arab shipping princes that persuaded the Romans to build their own fleet on the Red Sea and to fight for the command of the eastern seas.

Shipped by Dhows

Today frankincense is still produced in the Hadramaut, but there is no longer a world-wide demand for the gum. The thousand tons that are produced on the average every year are brought down to the coast at Makalla by camel caravan, there to be shipped in dhows to Aden. These ships would be familiar to the Arab of 2,000 years ago, for their design has changed but little.

The frankincense comes to Aden about Christmas time, and there you may see the women squatting over shallow baskets, sorting out and grading the gum. The air is heavy with its aromatic scent, but it is difficult to realize that these brown, pebbly heaps were once one of the richest and most sacred treasures of the East!



Girls Served As Trees

YOUNG people are always enthusiastic over the prospect of trimming Christmas trees, and the following plan was evolved for a party of school girls, where it was not possible to have enough trees to supply work for all of them. It was decided that the tallest and largest of the girls would make most effective substitutes. Nine of the girls were chosen and warned that on the day of the party, by some sort of magic, they would be turned into trees. Each one was assigned one of the letters of the word "Christmas," and given a cardboard belt bearing the letter.

Every girl who came to the party was bidden to bring, carefully wrapped up, a present, something she had made herself, the cost of which should not exceed ten cents. Curiously enough, there were not many duplicates.

There were calendars of various kinds made from post cards, fancy cards, hand-painted cards and kodak pictures. There were memorandum cases made of small pads with pencils attached. There were dolls made out of clothes-pins and dressed with crepe paper. There were Christmas bells and stockings filled with trinkets.

Arrival of Guests

As each guest arrived she was given a large red candle cut from cardboard and so fastened with red raffia that it could be

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Writing Games Will Add to Milarity Of That Party

WRITING games make an entertaining change for the Christmas party, and are ideal for fitting in between the more boisterous pastimes.

An easy one to start off with is "Telegrams." One player calls out twelve letters of the alphabet, chosen haphazard, and each person then writes out a telegram, using the twelve letters in order as the initial letters of the words.

For "Wills" each player is given a half sheet of notepaper. At the top must be written the name of the maker of the will. This, of course, can be the name of a relation or friend or some celebrity, such as a film star. The paper is then folded over to hide the name and is passed to the next player. He or she writes another name and the paper is folded and passed again.

This time each player writes something which has been bequeathed to the person whose name was last written down. The game proceeds until ten or twelve bequests have been made, to different persons, and the papers are then read out, to the amusement of the company.

In "Backwards - or - Forwards" the players are asked to make a list of all the words they can think of which make sense either backwards or forwards. For example: star-rats, bud-dub, moor-room, leper-peel. One mark is scored for each word. Words which read the same backwards or forwards score five, such as tot, bob; or ten if of five letters or more, such as civic.

For "Alliteration" a letter is chosen and players must try to make the best sentence they can with every word beginning with the chosen letter. "Cautious Clara came cleverly carrying charming Chinese cups," is an example.

In "Give-Two-Words" each player writes down any two words—the more incongruous the better—at the top of his paper and passes on to the next player. This person must write some kind of verse, four lines or more, bringing in the

two words. Many may exclaim that they cannot write poetry, but some very good results can be obtained by writing a limerick or a parody on such well-known works as "Mary had a little lamb," or "Hiawatha." Let us suppose that the words given are "mandoline" and "delight."

Your effort might be:
"Mary had a mandoline,
She played it day and night,
And everybody wondered why
It gave her such delight."

Or, if you prefer "Hiawatha," how about this:
"From its cover Hiawatha
Took his mandoline and played it,
Played it with delight and vigor,
Till the audience shrank in horror,
Shrank and writhed and squirmed
In horror."

"Continued-in-Our-Next" is a story told in sections. Each player writes five or six lines of a story—ghost, thriller, humorous, and so on—and passes it on, first turning the paper down so that only the last line shows. The results are always unexpected and amusing.

"Sketch-and-Name-It" is a drawing game, but it is not necessary to be an artist in order to play it. In fact, the less skillful the person the more amusing the results. Every player just draws something—whatever he likes—a scene for choice, perhaps some well-known historical event, or some recent happening which those present took part in. It must not fill up more than half the paper. The subject of the sketch is written at the bottom of the page and turned down so that it does not show. Then each player in turn writes down what he thinks the drawing is meant to be. The results are then read out and generally raise a laugh. A very impressionist sketch, purporting to be the battle of Waterloo, was diagnosed as: "Cheesemites in action," "Diphtheria germs rampant," and "Dodging the traffic."

worn as a diadem. On it was a number and one of the letters corresponding to the letters on the trees, thus: IC, 5H, 3R, etc., there being perhaps five candles for every tree. To each was also handed a tag with one of these numbers on it, which indicated the person to whom her present was to be directed.

Attracting as little attention as possible while the trees were being hung, the "trees" stationed themselves at various places about the room, putting on their heads closely-fitting green caps, with a red tassel effect, for the very top of the tree. And they hung their letter-bearing placards around their necks.

The hostess for the afternoon then tingled some sleigh bells, and all their



attention was turned to her. She explained that they had secured some rare varieties of Christmas trees for this party and that the girls who wore candles corresponding in letters to those worn by the trees, which they would find round about the room, were to trim that tree with the material given them, and that the work must be finished in twenty minutes from the time they received their trimmings.

THAT FIRST NIGHT

The stable door was closed that night.
But through the cracks no bolts could bar
The light of holy innocence
Burst like a spraying star.

Even the beasts were glad He came.
They knelt in patience where He lay,
Content to yield for His baby head
Their evening meal of hay.

—Louise Ayres Garnett.

her father, taking compassion upon her, changed her into a bird so that she could accompany the soul of her lover on his flight from the world.

The legend goes on to say that the spirit of Ceyx remained over the sea and rivers, and he and his mate, clothed in the colors of the rainbow, can be seen to this day flashing above the waters of the streams.

An eastern legend gives another explanation of the kingfisher's gorgeous plumage. When Noah called all the birds into the ark, the kingfisher was a small bird clothed in somber brown plumage. As the flood abated Noah sent out first the raven and then the dove, but as these did not return at once he thought he had



made a mistake, and so a third bird was sent out, the small brown kingfisher. He said: "You, my little friend, will not fear the waters, for you are no stranger to them; you are courageous, and are swift of wing; go forth, and returning anon bring truthful news."

IN KENT THEY GO A'GODDING

This was a custom formerly observed only by women who went from house to house with armfuls of evergreen and in return for ale and presents gave their benefactors sprigs with which to decorate their homes. Often they stayed and helped in the decorating and in return were given a meal, some wine and a little money. The custom is still kept up in parts of Kent, especially near Maidstone.

His Majesty King George VI.



On Christmas Day, December 25th, at 8:00 a.m. M.S.T., His Majesty the King will broadcast a Christmas message to listeners throughout the Empire. This broadcast will be heard in Canada over the C.B.C. National network following the Empire Christmas programme at 7:15 a.m. M.S.T.

If all the letters carried by Trans-Canada Air Lines during the first ten months of this year could be laid end to end, they would stretch from Montreal to Saskatoon. From January to October, inclusive, 359,399 pounds of mail was transported. Taking the post office estimate of an average of fifty letters to the pound, this would be 17,969,950 letters. Making it the round figure of 18,000,000 for the sake of easier figuring, and using the average business envelope of 6 1/2 inches, an aviation enthusiast, whose hobby is

goofy statistics, works it out to more than 1,846 miles. At six cents a letter, the total represents \$1,000,000 in stamps.

We have received and seen quite a number of Christmas cards from folks in the United States, and have yet to find one branded "Made in Canada." On the other hand, we have received quite a number from different parts of Canada branded "Made in U.S.A." Yes, air, we are a self-supporting nation!

THIS GAME WE CALL CURLING

1. Always be late; it may be your only chance for publicity.
2. All alibis should be submitted before the game; you may not need them, but you likely will.
3. Sweepers should be careful to flit gracefully across the ice just as the shot is being delivered; if possible, both sweepers should cross. This forms what is called the double cross and helps the shooter's eye and the skip's temper.
4. If the skip misses a shot, the other three players should collect up the ice and hold a social grouch. This helps the skip's next shot.
5. If the third man is away, the skip should never move up his men; this may give them the swelled head. Pick the strongest player in the waiting room.
6. Just as soon as the lead or second man delivers his rock, he should hurry back to the tee and take up his position just behind the sweeping score; he may be more valuable there than in his proper position, as his feet may stop a rock which would otherwise slide through. Besides, if they line up in a solid wall on the tee, it encourages the spectators to go home to bed.
7. Yell delightfully if opponent misses his shot; this goes to prove Darwin was right.

Ross Hamilton, of Great Village, is back in circulation again. The creator of the world famous war-time stage character "Marjorie" is again about to take his curtain bow and do it in big time. Ross and two of his former pals, Red Newman and Jack Rafferty, of the good old Dumbell days, are taking the lead in "Chin Up." "Chin Up" is a fast moving streamlined revue in two acts and thirty scenes, with twenty new song hits, is one hundred per cent Canadian and is booked for a trans-Canada tour—New Glasgow Free Lance.



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Mince Pies Prohibited in Days of the Puritans

THE mince pie has had many enemies.

The Puritans would have none of it, and even in the eighteenth century it was a forbidden delicacy to a large number of clergymen. During the Commonwealth the holding of Christmas festivals was forbidden. In 1644 parliament passed an act ordering all citizens to observe Christmas day as a solemn fast, to be spent in silent atonement for previous festivals that had passed in riotous living and merry making. This order remained in force for 12 years.

The authorities in several towns tried to reduce Christmas day to the level of other days. In Canterbury, by order of the mayor, it was proclaimed that "Christmas day and all other superstitious festivals should be put down."

People who attended service in the cathedral were punished. The inhabitants formed themselves into two parties, and feeling in the matter frequently resulted in the exchange of blows.

In 1652 it was proclaimed that "no observation shall be had of the five and twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day, nor any solemnity used or exercised in churches."

This order was enforced by soldiers. Ovens and larders were searched, and where questionable shillings or shovelfuls were found they were carried off and destroyed. A changed attitude towards the Puritan dislike of Christmas festivities came with the restoration of King Charles.

Ghostly Christmas Bells to Greet Merry Yuletide

AMONGST the bells which will ring out to greet the coming Yuletide will be many ghostly peals, heard on no other night in the year; for tradition says that the bells of all buried churches join the chorus every Christmas eve.

There are the bells of Tuttleigh, once a prosperous village in Nottinghamshire, now only a country valley. All sign of habitation was swallowed up many years ago by an earthquake. It is said that every Christmas eve the bells of the old church are heard to ring again. A legend of this kind is told of a country church near Preston, the very name of which nobody knows.

In Holland the story of the city of Breda is told every Christmas. This wonderful place was famous for its magnificence and beauty, and also for its wickedness and shamelessness. One day the whole city was swallowed up by the sea.

The submerged bells of Dunwich, now covered by the sea, are said to join the ghostly chorus.

First Christmas Trees Originated in Germany

ON THIS cold, snowy island of the North German plain the dark, leafed trees have flourished for many centuries. It is not strange, then, that the "Christmas Tree" should have its origin there. It dates back prior to the days of Christianity. The early Egyptians used to employ decorated trees in their festive season celebrations. It is a fact well known by all botanists that the palm tree puts forth a shoot each month, and at the time of the winter solstice, a spray of palm, bearing twelve shoots, was employed in the temple of Osiris to mark the completion of the year. Christy enough, England did not adopt Christmas trees until the middle of the last century. The prince consort, shortly after his marriage to Queen Victoria, introduced them into Great Britain.

LIKE COLORFUL TREE

IF THERE are young children in the home, you should have a real Christmas tree, as nothing else can take its place. Other people may like stunning effects that appeal to the imagination, or symbols in a fairy manner that will do this, but children want it loaded to overflowing with baubles of colored glass, lopped around with tinsel strands that gleam and glitter.

Recipe for Merry Christmas
Are you seeking a formula which will insure you a Merry Christmas? It's really too easy: Just have a child or two around the place and human nature will do the rest—Collier's Weekly.

The Christmas Mince Pie
The inevitability of hot mince pie on the Christmas board explains why it is well for the national digestion that there is only one Christmas dinner a year.

One Sad Thing About Christmas
The saddest thing about Christmas is that the good fellowship the day inspires too often withers with the Yule tide and is tossed out of doors.

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THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"FOR ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich."—2 Corinthians 8: 9.

Dear Friends:

The thought of the humility of our Savior has been much in my mind of late. In the midst of arrogance and dictatorship, the Christ of God still points the way to peace. Since Jesus was willing to humble Himself to become one of us, shall we not try to be like Him? For it is only as we are willing to get alongside each other that we shall be able to help solve the vexing problems which confront mankind today.

When the George Stephenson Centenary was being celebrated in Newcastle-on-Tyne, in the vast procession representing different crafts and trades, there marched a little group of colliers from Wylaur, Mr. Stephenson's birthplace, carrying in front of them a banner, inscribed on which they had these words: "He was one of us."

Many are the titles of Jesus. He is called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. But the title which He chose for Himself, "The Son of Man," puts Him by our side. He was one of us.

The song of the angels heralding the coming of the King Jesus is still rich and full of meaning. The noise of war today in the air, on land, and under the sea would tend to silence that song, but it cannot be silenced. It is to be heard above the din and noise of battle, and the wonderful thing is that men love to hear it:

"I love to hear the story,
Which angel voices tell,
How once the King of Glory
Came down on that night."

The heart of the Christmas message is that Jesus was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might become rich.

When most of us think of riches, we do so in terms of material possessions and wealth. But the riches of Christ are spiritual, the fruits of the spirit, love, joy, peace, and all things which are lovely and of good report. Rich in these things, our Savior entered the spiritually-poor dwellings of men, that the riches of His own sweet wholesome life might permeate and leaven the lives of those whom He strove to serve.

How spiritually dead the world of today is! In the heat of battle and controversy, it is difficult to hear the "still small voice":

"For with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing."

At this Christmas season, let us anew seek peace and quiet and inward peace. We can still hear the angels' song, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men," if we will but listen. It will come ringing to us over the battle fields and the noise of roaring planes and angry wars. With keen and fresh interest we shall listen to the wondrous story of the coming of the Son of God into our poor humanity, bringing the richness of His grace, in the midst of a world that seems bent in destroying all that we hold dear and sacred.

If we would help others, we must get down to their level. We cannot show our sympathy for others unless we are willing to get down to their side. We cannot lift others unless first of all we are prepared to stoop ourselves. Jesus wished to help us; and it could not be done at a distance. He wished to show His love for us; and it could not be done from the height of Heaven. He wished to save

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

READ St. Luke 2:1-30.

The singers are the angels. They have come out of the invisible. The clouds are the curtains. The stars are the tapers. We would never have thought of such a story. It is not of man's invention or discovery. It is inconceivable. The angels have come out of the invisible and stand on solid ground beside the shepherds who keep watch over their flocks. What does it mean?

The Herald Angel gives the theme which contains the Christmas message, "Unto you is born a Savior." That is the message and the theme. That is not what the world was looking for, nor what the world wants. It wants an advisor, an orator, a scholar, a philosopher, a scientist, a philanthropist, a big-business man. But what the world needs is a Savior, for sin is here, and fear is here, and sometimes the night is dark and there are no stars. This is the most glorious message that was ever sung in song or story:

"Unto you is born a Savior."

—REV. J. R. HAGUE,

Incumbent St. Alban's, Coleman, and St. Luke's, Blairmore, Anglican Churches.

TREES AGAINST THE SKY

The beech tree is a mass of Valenciennes lace; the elm is duchesse. The end of each maple branch is a trident, and each ash twig a Latin cross. As for the Lombardy poplar, it is a hearth broom! stuck upside down in a snowdrift.... They have lost their leaves, but winter's trees have not lost their beauty. Each retains its individuality, thus to vary as well as beautify the view. Winter, like travail, may alter the superficial appearance, but character, true grace and loveliness remain.—Christian Science Monitor.

Residents of several sea-coast hamlets of Nova Scotia recently started garnering a harvest of apples which were being washed upon the shore with the tide. These apples, found upon the sandy beaches, were in a good state of preservation and fit for consumption, while those found upon rocky shores were badly bruised. It was the fruit that formed part of the cargo of a recent wreck of a ship off the coast. There were no signs of barrels.

us; and it could not be done from His throne at God's right hand. And so He stooped—and from such a height, and to such a depth! He took upon Himself our human form. He entered into our human weakness. He revealed all the love that was in the heart of God.

I need a God who can help me; but a God afar off, seated upon a throne in Heaven, could never have helped me; He could never have touched my heart and healed my wounds. To prove to us that God loves, Jesus could only do it in one way—by some great act of sacrifice. He took upon Himself our human weakness, bore all our sorrows, carried even our sins; and He came down from His throne to the manger and to the Cross—then we know what love is, and we know that God is Love.

What wealth is ours in these days of stress and strain! The love of God to surround us; and the peace of God to dwell within our hearts; and the Holy Spirit to help us in all our earthly struggle; and after the shadows of earth are past, "the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him"—what unpeakable wealth! And all made ours through Jesus! Surely when we have Him, we have everything!

"Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
More than all in Thee I find."

—REV. E. B. ARROL, B.A.,

Central United Church, Blairmore.

BELIEVING GOD'S WORD. Luke 2.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

As we approach the Christmas season, there is forced upon our remembrance again the purpose of Christ's coming into the world, the reality of God's Word, and the surety of His promises. Without Christ there could be no Christmas. Christmas brings us back to the Word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who left the glories of Heaven to come to this earth to die as our Savior, and to deliver us from the wrath to come, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2: 10-11). How wonderful that the angel said to the lowly shepherds, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior." He came to save the whosoever, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). It is good for us to accept God at His word, believe His Gospel and be saved.

There was a man in Jerusalem by the name of Simeon who was "just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him" (Luke 2:25). God, by the Holy Spirit, had revealed to this devout saint who was looking for the Lord Jesus, "that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Luke 2:26). He believed the Word of God and looked continually and waited patiently for the promised Redeemer, the Savior of the World.

There was also "Anna a prophetess, which departed not from the Temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day" (v. 36, 37), waiting for the promised Redeemer and "gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38).

These two saints were richly rewarded, because they believed the word of the Lord, as it was revealed unto them through the Holy Spirit. They were blessed and highly favored to really behold with their eyes the Lord Jesus in the flesh, in the form of an infant born in a manger at Bethlehem—Jesus the Son of God the Savior of the world. It was a wonderful sight to behold, the living Redeemer in the form of an infant. Simeon prayed to God, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word: for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation" (v. 29, 30). "Salvation prepared before the face of all people; a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (v. 29). We, too, can have peace both in life and in death if we believe in Him now. There is a day coming when we, too, shall behold the Living Redeemer face to face, and see Him as He is. We are exhorted to wait for the appearing of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen we love, in Whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we rejoice with joy unpeakable and full of glory (1 Pet. 1:3).

Undoubtedly both Simeon and Anna were persecuted and misunderstood for being too religious, but they accepted and believed the word from Heaven, therefore were not hindered by the opinions of mankind. In the face of all hypocrisy, deceit, confusion, unbelief, darkness and despair, we are called upon to believe God's Word and obey His Gospel, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Simeon and Anna kept on waiting for the promised Savior, the Lord

AT CHRISTMAS TIME

THE story is told of a very happy family, who found much enjoyment in life. The oldest child of the family, a boy, was extremely kind to his younger brothers and sisters, and was continually giving them gifts throughout the year. Then came Christmas, with all its excitement and rush, with gifts to be purchased, and cakes, puddings and pies to be prepared. Naturally, all the children looked forward to the occasion, and the elder brother was careful to see that presents were ready for each of them. Carefully he decorated the Christmas tree and the home, so that their happiness would be complete.

Christmas morning dawned, presents were hastily opened, and soon the children were busily engaged in playing with their new toys. But what of the elder brother? He stood aside, without gifts—forgotten. In each other's joy they had neglected to remember the one who had continually remembered them; in one another's friendship they forgot to include the friendship of the elder brother.

Is not this story but a parable, with a present-day application and warning? As we go about our Christmas preparations, as we distribute our gifts, as we find pleasure in each others' company, do we not sometimes forget the One who has made it all possible—the One who has continually been so kind and thoughtful to us? And do we not as we exchange presents forget to exchange gifts with the Giver of all good gifts? Shall we not, at this joyous time, take time to thank the Lord for Christmas, for the gifts of health, home, happiness, and the countless other blessings which are ours? Above all may we value the gift of the first Christmas—Jesus Christ—the gift that God gave, "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And what gifts will He be pleased to accept from us? Perhaps we have not the costly presents to offer such as the wise men had; let us then in the words of the children's hymn, "bring Him hearts that love Him, bring Him thankful praise." Then surely we will hear the answer, "And better are these treasures
To offer to our King
Than richest gifts without them;
Yet these a child may bring."

—CAPTAIN F. WATSON,
The Salvation Army.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

ATOP the Christmas tree sits a star—
(remembering that one which shines afar,
sending its rays through all eternity)—
yes, fix a star atop the Christmas tree! Hang up holly wreaths; bedeck the scene

with pine, significantly ever-green.
Light red candles, yule log.... one thing more:
do not forget—fling open wide the door!

—JANNIS PARKER, in
Christian Science Monitor.

The Oddfellows and Rebekahs of Claresholm will stage a free Christmas show for the kiddies of the community sixteen years and under on tomorrow afternoon.

Jesus Christ, and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation (Heb. 9:28).

We appreciate the afforded privilege of again expressing ourselves through the pages of The Enterprise, and will take this opportunity to wish everyone a joyous and blessed Christmas.

With warmest greetings to all,
Sincerely yours,
—REV. J. W. MACDONALD,
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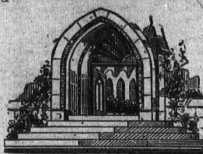
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CHRISTMAS MORNING

December 25th, public worship at 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 7.30 p.m., Prayer service.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH NOTES

Rev. J. R. Hague, A.Th., Incumbent

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Services Sunday next:
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m., Holy Communion and Sermon.

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In the Union hall. Services Sundays:

11 a.m., Senior and junior Sunday school.

7.30 p.m., Song service; 7.45, evening worship.

Thursday, 7.30 p.m., Prayer and Bible study.

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Sunday: 10.15 a.m., directory (Y. P.) meeting; 11 a.m., holiness meeting; 2.30 p.m., Sunday school; 7.30 p.m., Salvation meeting.

Monday: 6 p.m., boys' fretwork club.

Tuesday: 7.30 p.m., home league meeting.

Wednesday: 8 p.m., praise meeting.

Friday: 7.30 p.m., red shield auxiliary (war service).

Funerals and dedications on application to the local officers.

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Near the Depot, Coleman

Pastor: Rev. Leonard Falk, Th.B.

Services: Sunday school at 11 a.m. Morning worship at 12 noon. Street meeting at 6.30 p.m., in front of Coleman hotel. Evangelistic service at 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Bible study.

Friday, 7.30 p.m., Prayer meeting.

IN MEMORY

In Loving Memory of Spurgeon Simister, who died December 20th, 1938.

"It is not the tear at the graveside That tells how the heart is torn, But the unseen tears of the after years To the memory silently borne. Safe from the world of sorrow, Gathered while sweet and fair, Our darling sleeps near the Savior, Oh may we meet him there." From his Mother and Betty.

BELLEVUE BOY IS GUN ACCIDENT VICTIM

Thomas, fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Horka, of Bellevue, met sudden death when on a rabbit hunting expedition in the Byron Creek district on Wednesday morning. While leaning over to fix a trap, his gun discharged, the charge entering his abdomen. His brother John, age 23, who was with him, rendered first aid, and finding his brother did not respond contacted a C.P.R. section foreman, who phoned for medical aid. The lad died before the doctor arrived.

Coroner F. J. Turner, who was called from Bellevue, decided that an inquest would be unnecessary.

The remains were brought to Blaimore, where A. E. Ferguson, of the Crow's Nest Funeral Home, has charge of funeral arrangements.

The deceased is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Knappman wish to announce the engagement of their third daughter, Lillian, to Mr. Louis Pozzi, eldest son of Mrs. Pozzi and the late Mr. E. J. Pozzi, of Blaimore, the marriage to take place in Blaimore the end of this month.

PAT LENIHAN, COMMUNIST, IS ARRESTED AT CALGARY

Ex-Alderman Pat Lenihan, recently expelled from the Alberta section of the Communist Party of Canada, was arrested by the R. C. M. Police at Calgary yesterday, and appeared in city police court to answer a charge under the defence of Canada regulations.

It is alleged that Lenihan did, on December 3rd, by word of mouth make statements likely to cause disaffection to His Majesty, contrary to the defence of Canada regulations.

The charge was laid as a result of an address delivered by Lenihan at a meeting called to form a Calgary branch of the Canadian Labor Defence League.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Passmore will spend Christmas at a family reunion at Cranbrook.

Harvey Murphy has arrived from Timmins, Ontario, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Murphy and other relatives here.

The Crow's Nest Pass experienced several degrees of frost this morning, but not enough to drive cats to refuge on the oven door.

We Pray that the time may be near when One Law shall bind all Nations, Tongues, and Kindreds of the Earth, and that law shall be:

The Law of Universal Brotherhood

thus the cruel monster ... War ... shall be Forever Banished from the earth, leaving only a memory of man's inhumanity to mankind in this troublesome age.—Alberta Oddfellow.

PADRE-POET ON SCUTTLING OF BATTLESHIP GRAF SPEE

Quebec, Dec. 19.—Archdeacon F. G. Scott, Canadian padre of the first Great War and well known poet, produced a couplet by way of comment on the scuttling off Montevideo of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee. The couplet, entitled "Hitler's Message," read:

"Scuttle the ship, but keep the swastika flying!
I'm doing the same whilst Germany is dying."

Cliff Miller has been confined to his home for a week or more, but hopes to be able to return to work by Wednesday of next week.

The final issue of the 1939 volume of The Enterprise will appear on Friday next. The issue following will welcome the New Year and say "Au Revoir!"

Seventeen thousand medical specialists from all parts of the British Empire and France are proceeding to Germany to diagnose the real cause of Hitler's cold feet.

Today is pay-day for the Crow's Nest Pass miners, and a fairly good one. They will now have a splendid opportunity to do Christmas shopping, and local district stores are well prepared to cater to their requirements.

CLARION STILL AT LARGE

In spite of the fact that the publication and circulation of the Communist organ, "The Clarion," was declared banned as from November 21, 1939, copies of that publication, dated Winnipeg, Saturday, December 16, 1939, were circulated through Blaimore during the night hours of Monday eve and Tuesday morn. We understand the authorities are investigating.

Where are the old-fashioned tinkle of sleigh bells? It doesn't seem just the same.

Bob Harmer arrived from Edmonton this morning, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents here.

Premier Aberhart left Calgary on Wednesday to spend Christmas with his family at Vancouver. He plans to return to Edmonton January 5th. In his absence, Hon. E. C. Manning is acting premier.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Auger moved early this week to Blaimore, where Mr. Auger has accepted a position with a garage in that town. Mr. and Mrs. Auger will be missed in Innisfail by a wide circle of friends they had made since coming here. Mr. Auger was employed in the parts and accessories department of Innisfail Motors and Mr. Norman Jensen has taken over the position vacated by Mr. Auger.—Innisfail Province.

Mrs. W. Howe suffered a rather severe heart attack at her home here on Thursday night. At the time of going to press, she is reported as doing nicely.

The remains of James Cook, former Pincher Creek boy who lost his life in the Ross River country on September 16th, were laid to rest in the Alia cemetery, near Whitehorse.

The Alberta Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society announced yesterday that contributions to the war fund had reached the \$300,000 mark, doubling the quota previously set for the province.

This Christmas issue of The Enterprise may not be acceptable to the chronic pessimist, but it represents the fact that business people and most other folk in this district are looking upon the Christmas season in the same jovial way.

We regret that, owing to the excitement of the approaching Yuletide, our district correspondents are not represented in our news pages this week. Here's wishing them more than an ordinary Merry Christmas and the Happiest of all New Years.

A large crowd attended the physical training demonstration staged by members of the Coleman, Blaimore and Hillcrest groups at Hillcrest on Thursday night last. The programme included tumbling, pyramid building, etc., coupled with folk dancing. Supper was served at the conclusion.

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"RENO"

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TUESDAY and WED'Y
December 26 and 27

JOAN BLONDELL
MELVIN DOUGLAS
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"Good Girls
Go To Paris"

THURSDAY - FRIDAY
December 28 and 29

Gary COOPER
Ray MILLAND
Robert PRESTON
Brian DONLEVY
- in -

"Beau Geste"

S. W. Dafoe, former president of the Ottawa Press Gallery, died at Penticton, B.C., on Sunday, at 65. He was a brother of J. W. Dafoe, editor-in-chief of the Winnipeg Free Press.

Our Pay Day Cash Specials

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Veal Chops	Lb. 15
Veal Shoulder Roast	Lb. 12
Veal and Pork, ground	Lb. 15
Pork Leg Roast	Lb. 19
Pork Shoulder Roast	Lb. 16
Fresh Spare Ribs	2 Lb. 25
Smoked Ham, half or whole	Lb. 25
Back Bacon	Lb. 35
Smoked Pork Cuts	Lb. 20
Own Cured Bacon	Lb. 25
Smoked Spare Ribs	Lb. 15
Pork Hocks	2 Lb. 25
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Pictured above is the famous Grenadier Guards band, of Montreal, which is heard over C.B.C. networks each Thursday. Captain J. J. Gagnier, conductor of the band, has had a distinguished career in music since completing his studies in Paris under Pugno, Widor and Lisow. His compositions—band, voice and orchestra—are well known, and he has won distinction as a pianist, violinist and clarinetist. As a member of the American Bandmasters' Association, he has been guest conductor at various times of famous American bands, including Sousa's and the Army and Navy bands of Washington.

DOUBLE AUTOMATIC BOOKLET



Live And Let Live

Upon the terms of settlement subsequently, will depend the success or otherwise of the war in which Canada, along with the rest of the British Empire and France are engaged in a mortal combat to rid Germany and the world of Nazism and all that that dread word entails.

Not only is it essential that Nazism be uprooted in Germany but such provision must be made that it cannot in future successfully rear its ugly head again in Germany or in any other country of the world. Unless safeguards against this danger are erected when the war is over the conflict will have been in vain.

Hence the importance of the terms of settlement which will be imposed upon the vanquished by the victors and the measures which must be provided, by mutual agreement among the peace loving countries of the world, to make a repetition of the German experiment, either in that unhappy country or elsewhere, dangerous and impossible.

This implies that the terms which the Allies may impose upon Germany must not be inspired by any vengeful motive. Even though it may entail some sacrifices on the part of the democracies, a conquered Germany must be given every opportunity to rehabilitate herself, maintain her self respect in the eyes of the rest of the world and reestablish herself financially and commercially as an industrial power, but as a democratic one in which her people have restored to them the right to live their own lives. "Live and let live" must be the guiding principle of the terms of settlement.

Otherwise, there will be no guarantee against the outbreak of another conflagration within a decade or a generation or two. A Germany crushed to the wall will provide the seed for a future harvest of death.

Fortunately this belief is gaining ground among the democratic peoples and there is every evidence, unless sentiment changes in the meantime, that some such policy is likely to be evolved around the peace council table when the time comes to decide what the outcome of this war shall be. Many writers, some of them of international repute are sounding this scheme, though necessarily with differing approaches and different solutions of the problem.

Peace Desired

The objective of this war is to get rid of the Nazi regime, not only for the sake of the German people themselves but to ensure the protection of the freedom-loving people of the democratic world.

This raises the question whether or not the German people want to be saved from the hideous doctrine and practices of Nazism in which they are now enmeshed. They do, if Hermann Raushning, former president of the Danzig Senate, in a stirring appeal to his compatriots in his own country is correct and they do their share in getting rid of this menace of Hitlerism, which appeared in Die Zukunft, published in Paris.

Now in exile, Herr Raushning writes: "The German people bear no responsibility for this crime (the invasion of Poland). The German people desire to live in peace and in friendship with their neighbors. . . . Unaware that to-morrow the whole world may be arrayed against the rule of the mailed fist, unaware that this war must lead to utter ruin and destruction of the German people, millions of men and women in the Reich have not one thought: 'Put an end to it, we've had enough.'"

"You Germans in the Reich must do your share. We appeal to you not to stand by idly. Officers and soldiers, we appeal to you: Not another shot. Workers in factories we appeal to you: Cease work. We appeal to the sincere members of the National Socialist Party: This catastrophe isn't what you fought for—Hitler's policies lead to disaster. A determined nation is invincible. Tyrants may execute thousands but they cannot slaughter millions."

Authority Needed

If Herr Raushning has accurately interpreted the temper of the great majority of the German people, there will be no internal difficulty in disposing of the problem of self-government for Germany which might perhaps take the form of a federation of German states, as suggested by Harold Nicholson, writing in the October issue of Nineteenth Century and After, London, in which he says:

"It is not fanciful to suppose that a new German Empire could be created on a federal basis with its capital in Vienna and with the former German states enjoying local autonomy. Everything possible, including the restoration of the Hapsburgs and of some colonial possessions, should be done to safeguard the self-esteem and happiness of this Fourth Reich. Its economic future should be assured by a customs union with a Danubian Federation in the East."

But no matter what is done in Germany itself it will be imperative for the democracies to set up some form of international authority, with sufficient power to see that its mandates are enforced, to prevent any recurrence of what has been happening in the past few years, either in Germany or any other country in the world.

The Trans-Siberian railroad is 10,000 miles long, and is the world's longest.

MICKIE SAYS—

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Altitude Affects Bees
Gentle At Sea Level They Turn Vicious At 7,300 Feet

Bees that are docile and meek at sea level become hot-tempered and vicious when released at high altitudes, experiments made by the College of Agriculture of the University of California indicate.

The best test occurred when a swarm of Caucasian bees were shipped from virtually sea level to the University of Wyoming at Laramie, which is at an altitude of 7,300 feet. The Caucasian bees established themselves in California as an unusually gentle strain.

Within a week after their arrival at Laramie, Professor C. H. Gilbert of Wyoming University reported they had become most violent and vicious.

Rice is grown more widely and used more extensively than any other foodstuff.

Canadian butter exports amounted to 8,128,000 pounds in 1936.

No man marries a woman unless she has a dowry in Ceylon.

Surrendered Her Interests

Nazi Regime Allowed Russia To Take Over Baltic States

A recent statement of German war aims announced the intention to expand German borders to the limit of Germany's historic interests. It sounds strange in view of the surrender of Germany's historic interests in the Baltic States to Soviet Russia.

If the statement is not meaningless it indicates Germany may have a plan for dealing with Russia in the event of a hoped-for victory over Great Britain and France. If any country ever had an historic interest anywhere, Germany had one in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Yet that interest was surrendered so completely that German people resident in these countries for centuries are forced to move out and settle in Germany, leaving most of their property behind them.

Estonia and Latvia were conquered in the 13th century by the Knights of the Teutonic Order who established themselves as the ruling class. Although sovereignty of the states changed from time to time from Sweden to Poland and finally to Russia, the Teutons always retained their privileges.

They were the land-owners, the merchants, the bankers, the industrialists. Germans also occupied leading positions in Lithuania.

The Russian revolution and the subsequent liberation of the three states from Russian rule destroyed most of the privileges of the Germans but only after German forces were defeated on the ground in 1919.

Many Germans in middle class positions, however, escaped the wrath of the liberated Letts, Estonians and Lithuanians, retained their wealth and carried on business. Now instead of attempting to restore the historic German interest the Nazi regime surrenders the last remaining traces of it.

A Hazardous March

When Scarlet-Coated Men Brought Law And Order To Western Prairies

Sixty-five years ago a little band of scarlet-coated men completed a hazardous 1,000-mile march across the then largely unknown vastness of the prairies. It was one of the longest marches ever made by an organized force in the history of the British race. They did it in the course of duty, to bring law and order into a country that was being opened to the settler and the farmer that was to become through the years one of the world's most famous wheat granaries, with cities and towns springing to life on its broad and wind-swept surfaces.

Three hundred men made that trip in 1874. To-day there are only three of that original company left. Sunday the memory of this gallant band of Mounted Policemen, who pushed with intrepid daring into a far and unknown area, was saluted anew in a ceremony at Royal Canadian Mounted Police headquarters in Regina. A tablet commemorating the courage of these men was unveiled by one of the originals of the company, Captain W. Parker.

The years pass swiftly, and we tend to forget brave men who helped make our present-day life secure. We should never forget the service and sacrifice of these men who came before us to this western country. This tablet at the Mounted Police barracks will help us recall the courage and fortitude of the swift-riding men who made of these prairies a land of law and order recognized as such throughout the world.—Regina Leader-Post.

Many Uses For Plastics

Estimating current plastics production in the United States at more than 150,000 pounds a year, A. E. Pitcher, general manager of E. I. du Pont's Nemours' plastics division in Boston, said plastics now are being made to simulate bone, horn, ivory, precious stones, metals and scales of other common materials.

Judge Rules Trailer Taxable

A trailer, though it has no motor, is a "motor vehicle." Furthermore, it is subject to taxes just as the family auto, according to Judge Paul Barnes, of Miami circuit court. Judge Barnes pointed out that inasmuch as a trailer is a form of an airplane, so a trailer is a form of automobile.

Paper In Ancient Times

Paper was made by the ancient Egyptians, the Greeks after Alexander, and later the Romans, by overlaying thin strips of papyrus or of the papyrus plant at right angles. Soaking, pressing and drying followed.

Two men out of each million live to a ripe old age of 105.

The Wheat Crown

Alberta Appears To Have A Corner On This Recognition

The world wheat king's crown from taking the wheat king's crown from Alberta. Francis Lloyd Rigby, who won the sceptre last year at the Chicago International Hay and Grain Show, carries it again this year. In the last 21 years of competition Canada has been victorious 17 times.

Mr. Rigby farms in the Wembley district of the province, and is a worthy successor to Herman Treile, of the same neighborhood, who was a five-times winner of the crown. Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia also have enjoyed this royal distinction, but with Alberta it seems to have become something of a habit.

Other crowns have come to Canada. The only king who dwells on an Alberta farm, while the eye crown will rest for a year in British Columbia. In Ontario reposes the soy bean emblem of supremacy. This is a comparatively new grain in Canada, so far used chiefly as food, but its demonstrated possibilities in industry make significant the fact that nothing better than the Canadian variety is produced elsewhere; if there is a superior sample anywhere it was not exhibited at the international show.

Canada did well at the Chicago show, as usual. Grand championship ribbons for other classes of exhibits, including livestock, may be shown proudly in many parts of the country. There is nothing new in this; but it is well to stress the fact that in all farm produce the Dominion is prepared to compete with the world. In the view of wartime demands upon Canadian soil, this is reassuring.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

Import Is Necessary

Canada's Production Of Red Clover Seed Less Than Requirements

Because Canada's requires about 4,000,000 pounds of red clover seed annually and Canadian production averages slightly over 3,000,000 pounds every year, it is necessary to import seed from other countries. The shortage is frequently increased by the export of Canadian seed. How well the imported seed stands Canadian winters depends on the country of origin, and consequently, the Division of Forage Plants at the Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa tests all imported seed for hardiness. The results of the past 15 years show that over 20 per cent. of red clover seed from the Northern United States is winter-killed; over 21 per cent. of the seed from Northern Europe; over 36 per cent. from Great Britain; and over 55 per cent. from southern Europe. Under the same condition, Canadian red clover seed is winter-killed less than 13 per cent.

In order to identify red clover seed sold in Canada, seed from South America, Italy, Africa, and Turkey must have 10 per cent. stained red; from the United States, one per cent. blue; from Great Britain, one per cent. black, and all other imported seed, one per cent. green. Canadian-grown seed is not stained and may be identified accordingly.

Improvements in automobiles cannot furnish them with horse sense, so it is up to the driver to furnish it, and use it.

Bankers See Canada Well Prepared For War Demands

Bank of Montreal Reports Assets at New High Mark, With High Proportion Liquid

Canada's advantageous position as regards economic resources agricultural and industrial productivity, and financial reserves was emphasized at the 122nd annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal by Huntly R. Drummond, the president. And in this connection special significance attaches to the references of both Mr. Drummond and Jackson Dodds, joint general manager, to the expansion of the bank's assets to \$1,023,000,000, a new high in the bank's experience and a record for Canadian banking.

In his opening remarks Mr. Drummond declared "our first aim must be to assist to the 'limit' of our abilities in winning the war," and "in filling our role as a source of supply to Great Britain," he declared "we should see to it that there shall be no excessive profits." He urged that fair prices for wheat and other farm products and for manufactures should be maintained and that the government should have the full support of business and labour to prevent a vicious spiral such as that in which the cost of living and wage rates endlessly pursued each other in the last war.

Government Controls Referring to various measures of control by the government, looking to the more efficient prosecution of the war, Mr. Drummond suggested that all control regulations should be regarded as temporary expedients to be abolished at the earliest possible date.

He mentioned the increase in adding ourselves with a self-perpetuating autocratic bureaucracy contrary to the true basis of democracy for which we are now fighting. He urged the adherence to a "pay-as-you-go" policy and curtailment of public expenditures, with sectional regard no longer given first place.

He mentioned two events as emphasizing the growth of national unity: these were the visit of Their Majesties and the recent election in the Province of Quebec in which the attitude of those with French

background had no definitely been demonstrated.

Assets and Commercial Loans The bank's strong liquid position with quick assets of \$742,800,000, representing 78.29 per cent. of all liabilities to the public drew the special attention of Mr. Dodds in reporting for himself and his fellow general manager, G. W. Spimney. This ratio of quick assets he said did not indicate a reluctance on the part of the bank to make loans to business—a frequently heard claim for unwillingly the bank's readiness to lend to creditworthy borrowers did not affect their disposition to apply for loans, the demand for commercial loans being dependent on the state of trade and the prospects of profitable uses of borrowed money.

Dealing further with this situation Mr. Dodds observed that while the bank had pursued its policy of maintaining a relatively low level, the potential supply of credit had been increased as a result of the policy of monetary expansion which the Bank of Canada had pursued since its establishment in 1935. "We have consequently had no practical alternative to enlarging our holdings of securities. In this way, of course, our operations with those of the other banks have been the means of making the central bank's policy effective."

As to business conditions he said the physical volume was consistently higher throughout the last months of 1939 than in the comparable period of 1938. During August and September the index had been higher than in any parallel months in the bank's history. Dealing with the results of the bank's operations for the year covered by the report, he mentioned the increase in profits of \$64,000, the total for the year being \$3,462,000 after the payment of Dominion and Provincial taxes of \$1,198,000 an amount equal to over 41 per cent. of the dividend payments to shareholders.

Notices Are Official

Improving Their Time

Lonesome Wives In England Are Attending Technical Schools

Technical colleges in some parts of England are finding their classes enlarged by lonesome wives whose children have been evacuated or whose husbands have gone to the war. The women find time hangs heavily and they turn to the colleges not only for study but for the growing club atmosphere there. A case in point is the Southeast Essex Technical College, whose domestic science classes are now crowded with adult pupils. Cookery, housecraft, dressmaking and tailoring are the subjects in demand.

A Veteran Mountie

Frank W. McKenzie, 83-year-old pioneer who, as a member of the old North West Mounted Police, drove Queen Mary, then the Duchess of Cornwall and York, about 1887, Alib. In 1901, when she and King George V. visited Canada, died recently at his home in Calgary.

The province of Honan, China, has a city called U.

There is a wonderful lot of truth in the old saying that "a still tongue makes a wise head."

Norway has enough grain to feed its people until the 1940 harvest.

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OTTAWA HOUSE CALLED TO MEET ON JANUARY 25

Ottawa.—The sixth and probably last session of Canada's 18th parliament since Confederation has been called to meet Jan. 25, Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced.

This is two weeks later than had generally been expected. It was explained at the prime minister's office that the government had been so pre-occupied with matters concerning the war, including the empire air training scheme, that it had been impossible to get ready for an earlier opening.

Unless progress of the war and public opinion in Canada leads to some other alternative this will be the last session before a general election. It is believed a general election on party lines will be held next summer, soon after prorogation.

In some quarters there is talk of a union government such as was formed when a general election occurred during the first Great War. But opinion in Ottawa seems to point to a normal political campaign when the time comes.

The present parliament was elected in October, 1935, and, counting the special emergency session of last September, this will be the sixth formal opening.

According to statute each parliament may remain in office five years with six months extra for election of a new parliament. This means that if it desires the present parliament could delay an election until April, 1941.

But it has been the practice to go to the country after four years in office and on occasions when a government has remained for the full five-year term the general election has been called as soon as convenient after the last parliamentary session.

Canada's war effort will be the theme of the forthcoming session and it is expected much attention will be paid to the contracts which the government is expected to take immediately after the opening.

It is also expected the report of the royal commission on Dominion-provincial relations will be among the first documents to be laid upon the table. This report is understood to be now in the hands of the printer.

Hon. R. J. Manion, Conservative leader, has given notice he will raise the issue of alleged patronage in the award of war contracts and appointments.

When the Liberal party came to power in October, 1935, it was with a following of 178 in a house of 245 members.

Few parliaments have been so stricken by death in such a short period as the present one. More than a score of members have died and other vacancies have resulted from resignations.

In the numerous by-elections since 1935, the Liberals gained in power, but at present their following is reduced as compared with the standing after the last general election.

There are now 174 Liberal members with four by-election pending all in seats formerly held by Liberals, and three vacancies for which by-elections have been called, two of them formerly held by Liberals.

Bacon And Hog Board

New Board To Be Headed By Hon. J. G. Taggart

Saskatoon.—A new hatch and hog board, headed by Hon. J. G. Taggart, Saskatchewan minister of agriculture, and having one member from Quebec and one from Ontario, will be set up by the federal government in connection with the marketing of the 280,000,000 pounds of bacon, which the United Kingdom has agreed to purchase from Canada in 1940. Hon. J. G. Gardiner, federal minister of agriculture, announced.

Mr. Gardiner also announced that an advisory committee composed chiefly of producers, would be established to work with the bacon board.

It was the intention of the government, by means of these bodies and the price spreads board, under the department of labor, to give the producer protection from speculation and also provide a means of an assured market and better prices than he might otherwise have obtained, in view of the depressed prices for bacon in the United States.

Will Make Tests Later

Edmonton.—Francis Lloyd Rigby, 21-year-old University of Alberta agricultural student twice crowned world wheat champion, said he will not embark on a series of laboratory tests to determine the milling qualities of Peace River wheat until after he has been graduated.

Order More Bombers

Britain And France Place Orders With American Firms

New York.—Representatives of the British air ministry signed a contract with the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., of Burbank, Calif., for 200 "Hudson" bombers at a cost of "about \$20,000,000."

Scores of the same type of bomber, ordered by the British prior to the start of the war, have been used both for off-shore patrol duty and for leaflet "raids" over Germany.

At the same time it was learned the French air ministry had ordered 270 additional bi-motored bombers from the Douglas Aircraft Company of Santa Monica, Calif., at an unspecified cost.

The French ordered 100 of the Douglas, described as having speeds "well in excess" of 300 miles-an-hour, prior to the war.

Several other contracts for United States pursuit, training and other types of planes are now in the negotiation stage.

The Hudson type bombers will be powered with two 1,000-horsepower Wright Cyclone engines, supercharged for operation up to almost 30,000 feet. The British have reserved the right to install Cyclone 1,200-horsepower engines in the second 100 if they so desire.

The Douglas machines, unique in the bomber category in that they have a tricycle landing gear with a retractable nose wheel, will be equipped with Pratt & Whitney 900-horsepower engines. Their full-load "ceiling" is more than 24,000 feet.

An Interesting Broadcast

Fine Program Will Conclude With King's Message To Empire

London.—A young air pilot in training in Canada, a New Zealand farmer, an Australian woman munitions worker and a naval rating from Malaya will be heard describing their work in defence of the Empire on Christmas day "Round the Empire" broadcast. It was announced.

In giving details of the program that will precede the King's message to the Empire, the British Broadcasting Company said that listeners in many parts of the world first will be taken across the English Channel to a hospital behind the lines of the Western Front.

It is hoped to include an exchange of greetings with French troops and local greetings from the British Expeditionary Forces to the King, the Broadcasting company said.

After the visit to France the B.B.C. microphone will pay a broadcast to the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force before starting westward around the world.

The program will include India's greeting to the King-Empress and greetings with French troops and the coastal defence service of the Union will broadcast in English and Afrikaans.

The program will be closed from Great Britain by the King, delivering his message to the Empire at 3 p.m. (8 a.m. M.S.T.).

Russians Complain

Do Not Like The Way The Finns Conduct War Tactics

Moscow.—A Soviet newspaper complained that "sharpshooters of Finland's white-guard units were resorting to the use of bandit tactics in sudden attacks on our columns."

"The enemy does not engage in open battle," wrote the war correspondent of Red Karelia, which is published near the Finnish frontier.

"Hidden under white robes and thus skilfully camouflaged, they suddenly dart from the woods to shoot at our advancing units. Then in all haste they run, frequently taking off their boots to ski only in their stockings."

Another article described the prosecution with which the Finns are laying mines on roadways and even paths.

Satisfied With Chamberlain

New York.—Sixty-one per cent of the people of the United Kingdom are satisfied with the Chamberlain government's conduct of the war while 18 per cent are dissatisfied, according to a survey conducted by the British Institute of Public Opinion. Eleven per cent replied the war should be stopped while 10 per cent declined to express an opinion.

British Casualties

London.—Great Britain's total casualties in the first three months of war were approximately 2,100, Prime Minister Chamberlain said in reply to a question in the House of Commons. This figure for all British forces compared with 12,500 during the first two months of war in 1914, he said.

Air Privileges

Equal Rights For T.C.A. Is Sought By Ottawa Officials

Ottawa.—Negotiations between the United States and Canadian air authorities for reciprocal franchise rights for international air traffic between the two countries have been under way for some time, and a hearing will take place shortly in Washington on British Columbia Airlines application for a franchise in the United States, said Hon. C. D. Howe, transport minister.

Position of the Canadian government, Mr. Howe said, is that if United States airlines wish to operate from U.S. points into Canada, Canadian lines should enjoy the same rights in United States.

Was Home On Leave

Aviator Who Came Safely Through Raid Killed In Blackout

London.—Leading Aircraftman John Naylor, 19, came safely through one of the daring raids by the Royal Air Force on the German Heligoland naval base.

Granted a few days' leave, young Naylor dashed home to Marlow, Buckinghamshire, to show his parents a piece of shrapnel which struck his plane during the attack.

In a blackout he was killed when his car collided with another in Epping forest.

AIR PATROL TO PREVENT GERMAN MINE LAYING

Something interesting is happening in the war in the air and more interesting things may happen shortly. The Royal Air Force "security patrols" over Heligoland, big for the purpose of keeping German mine-laying aircraft out of the skies may lead to a real test of strength in the air.

The patrols are Great Britain's latest answer to the magnetic mines, laid along her coasts by German aircraft. If they are effective in keeping German mine-laying aircraft from performing their functions the enemy can be expected to try to do something about them.

Apparently the British aircraft fly high enough to keep out of effective range of anti-aircraft guns. The mine-laying planes used by the Germans are probably heavy seaplanes of bomber type, built to fly long distances and carry heavy loads, no match for the fast fighters of the Royal Air Force in combat.

They could be driven off only by fast fighters, like themselves. In air fighting so far, British fighters have had the edge on German fighters because of greater manoeuvrability. Most of the air clashes to date, however, have involved only a few fighting aircraft on either side. The bigger air battles have been attacks by fighters on bombers.

If the Germans should concentrate large numbers of fighting aircraft in the vicinity of Heligoland with a view to attacking the waves of British patrol aircraft, a major air battle with a large number of aircraft on each side involved probably would be the result.

Possibly this may be one of the British aims, to force the Germans to give them battle in the air, convinced the superiority of their own aircraft will give them an advantage.

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MAJOR ROOSEVELT



Son of the late President of the United States, Kermit Roosevelt now is a major in the British army. Roosevelt became a British citizen in order to enlist in war service.

Heavy Duties

War Adds To Responsibilities Of Vincent Massey

London.—War has added new responsibilities to the load High Commissioner Vincent Massey carries on behalf of Canada and his fellow citizens living or visiting in Great Britain.

Although London's practical abandonment of social life has relieved him of many luncheons, dinners and speeches, Mr. Massey finds himself so busy in the daytime that he has to take work home with him at night. He has made it a point to keep up his extensive private correspondence and read his Canadian newspapers.

Occasionally he finds time for a game of golf with Mrs. Massey, who is working almost as hard. That is about the only recreation they get.

Would Salute Flag

Edmonton Public School Board Urged To Approve Ceremony

Edmonton.—Edmonton's public school board has before it a notice motion by Trustee Mrs. E. Ross urging the board's approval of a ceremony of saluting the Union Jack and reciting the pledge of allegiance daily in public schools.

Mrs. Ross also asks that the board request co-operation of teachers in arranging that the pupils be given leadership and direction regularly in saluting the flag and in reciting the pledge: "I salute the flag the emblem of our country, and to her I pledge my love and loyalty."

Donates X-Ray Unit

London.—A South African woman who wishes her identity kept secret, has donated a mobile X-ray whose value is approximately \$3,000 (about \$12,000) to the Royal Army Medical Corps, the war office announced. The unit can be put into operation at any point since it furnishes its own electrical current.

LORD NUFFIELD TAKES OVER NEW DUTIES



Lord Nuffield, Britain's famous automobile magnate and philanthropist, has been given complete control of the Repairs and Maintenance Section of the R.A.F. Above we see him discussing his duties with Sir Kingsley Wood (seated) at the Air Ministry.

Spain May Have Monarchy

Reported Second Son Of Ex-King Alfonso May Ascend Throne

London.—The tabloid Daily Sketch predicted that within the next two weeks a Bourbon king will sit once more on the throne of Spain.

The paper said it had the "highest authority" for stating that Don Juan of Asturias, second son of ex-King Alfonso, would ascend the throne.

A limited monarchy would be set up with all Spanish parties participating in a constitutional government, the paper said. Moderate republican parties would be restored to legality and all exiled Spaniards permitted to return, under this plan.

Diminutive Soldier

Highlander Claims To Be Smallest Man In Armed Forces

Vancouver.—Alongside the claim of a Montreal corporal to the biggest feet in the Canadian army may be placed the belief of Private Richard Barrett that he will be the shortest member of the Dominion's expeditionary force.

Barrett, a youthful member of the Seaforth Highlanders is five-foot-one in height.

The Montreal claimant to the big-foot distinction is Corporal C. A. Mallette of the Canadian Dental Corps. His boots are size 15.

BRITISH CRUISERS ENGAGE RAIDER IN A STIFF FIGHT

Montevideo, Uruguay.—A 14-hour running sea fight between three British cruisers and the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee ended when the badly battered German warship took refuge in neutral Montevideo harbor with 35 of her crew killed and 60 injured.

Returning from a visit aboard the ship, the envoy said the dead included a lieutenant and the wounded the commander of the ship. The commander's injuries were said not to be serious.

The disclosure of the battleship's identity was the first definite word that the Graf Spee had been operating in the Atlantic. She, the Admiral Scheer and the Deutschland all are pocket battleships. The specifications of the three ships are identical.

The British victory was not without its casualties, however, for the admiralty in London admitted one of its three cruisers, the fast, 8,300-ton Exeter, had been put out of action after four hours of the fight.

The battered warship, which had hunted south Atlantic shipping lanes since September when she sank the British merchantman Clement, had chanced upon the British cruiser Ajax just after dawn.

The Graf Spee rushed to the attack, but was momentarily repulsed by the six-inch guns of the speedy Ajax, and then found herself engaged in combat with three British warships.

The Exeter and the Achilles came up, forming. The Achilles' six-inch artillery and the Exeter's eight-inch guns spoke in volley after volley.

The Graf Spee apparently found the Exeter's guns particularly damaging, for she turned her attention away from the raid of the pack and devoted her batteries exclusively to the Exeter.

As a result the Exeter was caused some stress, and compelled to quit the battle. Meanwhile, the Formosa steamed away to safety.

But although the largest of the three British ships was thus forced out by damage to her sides, the other two continued to concentrate their fire on the Graf Spee, and she took to her heels.

Although built to outrun battleships and to outgun cruisers, the 26-knot Graf Spee found herself overtaken by the 32.5-knot Ajax and Achilles.

The two lighter cruisers with their eight six-inch guns apiece also were able to throw steel almost on equal terms with the Graf Spee with its heavier six 11-inch guns.

Observers at Punta del Este light house on the Uruguayan coast saw the engagement, with the Graf Spee fleeing in a southerly direction in evident search of a haven.

Her guns were still blazing, while her enemies' cannonading continued relentlessly, smoke from their funnels leaving a trail across the horizon as they put on forced draft to circle and manoeuvre.

Armored almost as heavily on their sides as the Graf Spee but with lighter protection for their gun turrets, they pursued their prey until she brought up in Montevideo harbor.

SAYS BRITAIN SHOULD FURNISH AID TO FINLAND

London.—Prime Minister Chamberlain declared that "the gallant action" of "three comparatively small British ships against a much more heavily armed adversary" probably would free the South Atlantic from depredations of the German raider Admiral Graf Spee.

Lauding the League of Nations action in condemning Russia for the invasion of Finland, Mr. Chamberlain told the House of Commons that "Germany alone among the nations even now is abetting by word and deed the Russian aggression."

"We must give what help and support we can to the latest victims of these destructive forces," the prime minister said, "but meanwhile it is only by concentrating on our task of resistance to German aggression and thus attacking the evil at its root that we can hope to save the nations of Europe from the fate which otherwise must overtake them."

He told the house that a battle of "severe character" had been fought in the South Atlantic between the Admiral Graf Spee and the British cruisers Exeter, Achilles, and Ajax, and that the Exeter had been forced out of the fight.

"Two six-inch gun cruisers continued the pursuit," he continued amid cheers, "and about midnight the German ship, which turned out to be the Admiral Graf Spee carrying six 11-inch guns, took refuge within the territorial waters and is now anchored off Montevideo."

In his final war review before parliament, Christmas recess Mr. Chamberlain declared "the Finnish army has proved itself by far the better fighting force in anything but numbers."

In confident tones, Mr. Chamberlain's review touched the visit of the King to British troops in France, flight of British planes over German naval bases, sinking of another German submarine and the South Atlantic naval engagement.

The prime minister indignantly denied German charges that the British used mustard gas shells in the battle of Uruguay.

"This characteristic statement is of course, entirely without foundation," he said. "No gas shells or grenades have ever been made for or used by any British forces."

Turning to Finland, Mr. Chamberlain said that "while strongly condemning Soviet aggression" the British government believes "every effort should be made to bring to a close the machinery for peaceful settlement of the dispute and, if that should prove impossible, for affording practical assistance to the victim of aggression."

Salisbury on the Finnish-Russian conflict, the prime minister added: "It is too soon to attempt any forecast of the outcome of this unequal struggle, but its political consequences already have been far-reaching."

He asserted Russian aggression "had outraged the conscience of the whole world."

"Nevertheless," Mr. Chamberlain continued, "the German government have publicly called the Finns on the side of an aggressor whom they have been attempting to assist by a scurrilous and violent campaign against other Scandinavian countries for their moral support of the Finnish cause."

Treats For The Sailors

Christmas Cheer Being Planned For Those In Canadian Ports

Toronto.—Sailors who are in port Christmas Day at Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimalt and Prince Rupert, B.C., and at Halifax, Sydney, Saint John, N.B., and St. John's, Nfld. will receive special treats, the Navy League of Canada announced.

An appeal for funds for Christmas dinners for sailors brought due response and in addition hundreds of women have been making and filling "ditty bags" to present to the sailors. First shipment of the bags, which contain a wide variety of gifts, has left Toronto.

Canadian sea cadets and members of the navy and merchant marine will receive the treats.

Lifeboat Service

London.—Extent of the war at sea is shown by statistics of the lifeboat service which reports sending boats 490 times to vessels in distress up to mid-November. This was five more than for all of 1934, but less than in the service's history. Since war broke out there has been an average of 19 launchings a week.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Albertans who heard the Hon. Norman McLarty speak over the radio last Sunday evening from Ottawa could not but marvel at the difference between the way the Dominion government is handling the various boards and commissions it has set up under the War Time Price and Trade Boards and the way the Alberta government has conducted similar boards and commissions since being elected to office. The Dominion government chairmen are doing their jobs and receiving \$100 per YEAR as pay. The Alberta Social Credit chairman gets \$1200 per DAY, plus expenses, and the other members of the Alberta government boards and commissions also draw down \$300 per DAY and expenses. This illustrates quite clearly, we think, why Social Credit is so popular amongst those who hold or hope to get jobs under the Aberhart pork-barrel administration. — Trochu Tribune.

We seem to have read somewhere that every woman can keep a secret — in circulation. — London Opinion.

A Swiss scientist is reported as saying that probably there was a time in the evolution of man when he had four legs. This was probably the evolution of two pants suits. — Ex.

The treasurer of the Canadian National Railways at Montreal has received an express money order for \$15, representing "conscience-money" remitted by an anonymous person through a Roman Catholic priest in the West.

The marriage of Miss Annie Withers Lain, of Cranbrook, to Mr. Charlie Kalpon Yit, of Cardston, took place at the Cranbrook United church on Wednesday of last week. Both are Canadian-born Chinese. They will make their home in Cardston.

A small boy, leading a donkey, passed an army camp. A couple of the soldiers wanted to have some fun with the lad, and of course, at the lad's expense. "What are you holding on to your brother so tightly for, sonny?" asked one of them. "So he won't join the army," the boy replied.

A Cantata, "The Babe of Bethlehem," by the junior choir of Central United church, Blairmore, will be a feature of the evening service on Sunday, 24th December, at 7.30 o'clock. There will also be a service in the church on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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From the inception of the Trans-Canada Airlines until November 30th, T.C.A. planes flew a distance of 4,881,260 miles, or a distance equal to slightly more than 196 times around the world at the equator. Flying time in covering the distance was reported as 30,689 hours.

Coleman people are anxious that their mayor, George Pattinson, should return from the coast, and are asking "Will he no' come back again?" It's not always an easy matter to fill the mayor's shoes. In Blairmore, we think so highly of our chief magistrate that we refuse to let him leave town.

Major-General Sir Eugene Fliset, member of parliament for Rimouski and former deputy minister of national defence, has been appointed lieutenant-governor of the Province of Quebec, to take office January 1st, succeeding Hon. E. L. Patenaude, whose term, which normally expired May 1st last, was extended because of the royal visit. The eighteenth lieutenant-governor of Quebec is 63, and a veteran of the South African war. He was decorated by several foreign governments.

icy highway conditions through this district were responsible for many motor accidents during the week. On Wednesday afternoon an Alberta tourist party heading for the coast, came to temporary grief at a point between Sentinel and Crows' Nest Lake. The car, a new Plymouth, landed on its side and for a time occupied the centre of the highway. With arrival of a wrecking truck from Coleman, the car was soon righted, with very little damage done. After some minor adjustments, the car was permitted to proceed on its westward journey. Another car came to grief near the Glacier Creek bridge, landing in a ditch some seven feet deep, but right side up. With assistance of a passing truck, the car regained the highway and proceeded west under its own power. Very little damage was done in this case, and in both these mishaps no one was injured.



HUGH BOYD
C.B.C. Farm Broadcast commentator, stationed at Winnipeg, who is heard daily except Saturdays and Sundays throughout the prairie region. Mr. Boyd was formerly publicity director for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pools and is the author of a recently published book, "New Breaking," an outline of co-operation among the farmers of Western Canada.

AUNT HET ON STYLE

"I don't complain about what nature does to me, especially when it's partly my fault for likin' my own cookin' too well. But it's a dirty trick when style-makers exaggerate what's wrong with you. They made women starve till they got too skinny, and now they're trying to pad 'em out with bustles. Merciful Heaven! Imagine me with a bustle. It's bad enough havin' to wear dresses as short as they are, but if I've got to tack a bustle on behind, I'll look like a sedan with a built-in trunk."

Brown (to his neighbor): "Why in blazes don't the European nations live together like one big family?"

Mac (somewhat married, too): "Believe me, they do!"

Leonard W. Brockington, K.C., of Winnipeg, has been appointed recorder of Canada's war effort. He will be attached to Prime Minister Mackenzie King's office at Ottawa, and takes up duties at the beginning of the year.

The First Canadian Division has arrived safely in England.

No passports are required of United States' citizens who visit Canada.

It's hard to convince a man who has lost money at a dog race that a dog is man's best friend.

As far as we can learn, none of the slaughtered buffalo meat has reached this district.

As a business enterprise, Aberhart's treasury branches prove to be the most successful failures.

Germany's suicide campaign has beaten the world's record. Hitler's term is nearing an end.

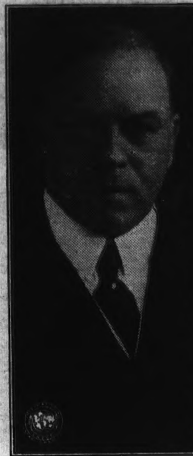
The first Christmas turkeys were placed on display in local stores on Wednesday. We understand prices to the farmers are unusually low.

In the recent Red Cross fund campaign, South Alberta towns subscribed as follows: Blairmore \$503.65, Coleman \$1,043.87, Claresholm \$1,057.50, Cowley \$97, Frank \$104.65, Granum \$189.10, High River \$646.91, Lundbreck \$218.55, Macleod \$1,698.77, Pincher Creek \$1,157.43, Stavelay \$240, Taber \$1,700.05, Waterton \$156.15.

Notice of incorporation of the Hillcrest Mohawk Collieries Limited is contained in the December 15th issue of the Alberta Gazette. The capital of the company is given as \$1,250,000, divided into 110,000 non-voting redeemable preferred shares of one dollar each, and 570,000 Class "A" common shares with a nominal or par value of \$1 each, and 570,000 Class "B" common shares of \$1 each. The registered office of the company is at Calgary.

Once in a while we are checked up on typographical errors, but at Christmas time the proper placing of the "p" is far more important than the proper placing of the "L." Take, for instance, the words Christmas and pound cake.

SIXTY-FIVE SUNDAY



PREMIER MACKENZIE KING
who celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday on Sunday, December 17th. He is in excellent health.

A dog knows good from bad. A few days ago, a Salvation Army officer entered our office and was welcomed by our dog with an outstretched "paw" for a shake. A few moments later, a church cleric came in and was greeted in that same friendly way. Next, a guy not so prominent in religious circles entered and was greeted by a snarl. Boys, take a lesson from doggie!

A little girl, attending church for the first time, was amazed to see all kneel suddenly. She asked her mother what they were going to do. Her mother replied: "Hush! They're going to say their prayers." "What, with all their clothes on?" asked the little girl.

NEWS FROM EDMONTON

(T. B. Windrows)

Edmonton, Dec. 18.—Various sections of Alberta reported, over the week end, the largest volume of retail business on record in this province during the past week, as a result of the combination of the Christmas season, the large amount of money put into circulation by the wheat crop through the Dominion government's wheat policy, the large export of livestock to the United States under national quotas, the prospects of shipment of \$250,000,000 worth of bacon and ham to Britain during the next year, and general war-time prosperity.

Western Canada will have the most prosperous winter and spring it has had in many years, all the signs seemed to say.

But against it was the fact that provincial taxation in Alberta, now at an all-time high, may be boosted still higher after the legislature session opens, probably next month. And there is danger that the taxation may be made heavier on firms and individuals in the province by reason of decreasing numbers of large taxpayers, forced to withdraw from the province because they already have been taxed beyond reason.

The Montreal Gazette gave warning of that danger a few days ago in an article, stating that the Banque Canadienne Nationale, which recently closed up all its offices in Alberta, had to take that action "wholly due to the abnormal taxation levied on banking corporations doing business in the province" since the advent of the Aberhart government.

That taxation had come to the point where the bank could not afford to lose so much money in providing banking services to Alberta citizens.

If a number of the harsher legislative measures which the Aberhart government sponsored and passed had not been disallowed by the federal authorities, there is little doubt that before this the closed banks would have been constrained to close their branches in the province," said the Gazette, which is close to business circles in the east.

"In pondering this demonstration of the sorry fact that the Alberta government has over-reached itself, thereby destroying an appreciable source of provincial revenue, Albertans generally may well ask themselves whether the bank's action might fairly be regarded in the light of a warning that other business corporations and certain industries which are unduly taxed possibly may in due course close their branches and their works in Alberta," the Gazette warned.

Killing the goose that lays the golden eggs will mean that citizens generally will have to pay more, individually, in the taxes which the Aberhart government has been boosting steadily, and out of which it now is paying for Social Credit party propaganda.

The granting of permission to the Hillcrest colliery a few days ago, by the provincial government, to give that coal mine the right to close down its operations indicated that the government approves of the principle of businesses closing down when they cannot operate profitably.

IT WAS A MISTAKE

A strong is told about a very kindly and affable teacher in a kindergarten, who was very interested in her pupils. One day while riding in a street car, she thought the man in front of her looked familiar from her rear view, so she leaned forward, smiling very sweetly, tapped him gently on the shoulder and said: "Oh, Mr. Brown!"

The amazed stranger swung around to see who accosted him thus, and the poor teacher, mortified beyond words at her error, blushing stammered: "Oh, I beg your pardon, sir, I thought you were the father of one of my children!"

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We know that you can't afford to miss any one of these, so why not join the "Light Up and Listen Club" every night of the week, except Saturday and Sunday, at 9:15 p.m.

This Christmas Time

Luckily, we have in store for you this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day a series of Christmas plays, Christmas stories, and the finest Christmas Carols, such as never presented before by this station. We know the public will look forward to this, so why not keep your dial tuned to CFAC constantly on the days before Christmas, and Christmas Day?

The sandwich is said to get its name from the Earl of Sandwich, who so loved his games that his only food for days would be a piece of meat between two slices of bread.

A truck load of old iron passing through Blairmore on Saturday afternoon was said to be heading for Berlin to be converted into a cross for the master of the Graf Spee.

A few days ago we approached a prominent Social Creditler with request to occupy a Christmas-Greeting space. He consented, saying: "Yes, certainly. Put it in this way: Merry Christmas to all, and may the New Year bring you the promised dividends"—meaning, of course, a new government.

A fellow was trying to dodge military service. "I'm afraid my shortsightedness will prevent me from doing any actual fighting," he said. The M.O. replied, cheerfully: "That's okay, old chap. We've got special trenches for the shortsighted ones, right up close to the enemy—you just can't miss seeing 'em!"



As a bewildered generation, the youth of Canada is engrossed with many problems affecting its social structure. With this thought in mind, the C.B.C. is presenting a series of discussions by this group of young Winnipeg citizens. Each week, these young men and women gather in the

C.B.C. Winnipeg studios for an informal, yet emphatic debate on some of the difficult questions confronting youth today. These broadcasts, entitled "High School Forum," are heard over the C.B.C. national network on Saturdays at 4:45 p.m. C. S. T. (3:45 p.m. M. S. T.).

We congratulate "Jimmy" Allan on attaining the rank of sergeant-major.

A Hungarian partridge nest with seven eggs was discovered near Nanton during the week.

Oh to be an owl: They can shut out noise when they want to do so, having flaps of skin to close their ears.

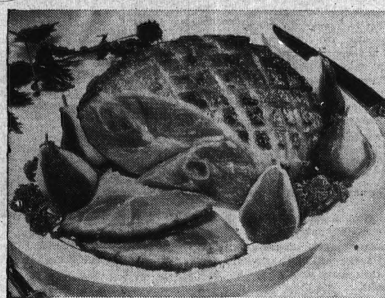
The Soviet symbol is the sickle and the hammer—the sickle to mow 'em down, and the hammer to keep 'em down.

The word "tax," we are told, comes from the Latin "taxare," meaning "to touch sharply." No further wise-crack is needed.

The dictionary is strangely misinformed on some points. For example, it defines a flapper as "a young bird not yet able to fly well." Oh, innocent Webster!

Twenty-five years ago, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Liberal leader and former premier, emphasized there must be "no drawing back" in the Empire's fight against German aggression and ideals.

Among seven South Alberta students to obtain highest honors in Grade IX departmental examinations is listed the name of Ester Florence Erikson, aged 13, pupil of the Blairmore school. All Blairmore citizens hasten to congratulate Miss Ester, as well as her teacher, upon her qualifying to receive the Governor-General's bronze medal. Ester took highest honors in the Macleod and Fincher divisions.



HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY

The Christmas season is a social, friendly time, when memories of many former gatherings send modern housewives shopping for old-fashioned favorites to help recreate old-fashioned hospitality. This is especially true this year with a three-day holiday, which will give friends more of an opportunity to drop in. For informal suppers or for more stately occasions, there is no more satisfactory meat than a fine big baked ham. Be it hot or be it cold, a ham ranks tops with guests and hostesses, too.

Most moderns know that the modern ham has been made extra tender by long slow smoking, so that the housewife of today is saved many hours of work. It is so easy to follow the directions that come with the ham. Just wrap it loosely in clean paper, then place the ham fat side up on a

Calgary Stampedeers defeated the Coleman Canadians 2-0 at Calgary on Wednesday night.

In spite of the fact that the columns of The Enterprise have not been supported by local merchants as they should have been, we have used our influence in every manner possible to have local people patronize local stores as we have done ourselves. It is a principle worth living up to, but to which it seems difficult to educate our public. If this isn't courteous, please show us!

The German news agency announces that German fliers, sailing across French lines, dropped an umbrella as a gift to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, who visited British troops in France recently. The following note was attached: "The German air force regrets that Mr. Chamberlain was forced to go around in such bad weather without an umbrella, and dedicates to him this useful instrument of protection."

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And so, as you approach the festive Christmas season, why not be prepared to "welcome family and guests? 'Tis a grand thought, "there's a baked ham in the kitchen!"

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at St. Anne's church on Sunday night will no doubt be, as usual, largely attended.

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The Special Events Department of the C.B.C. will present for listeners of the corporation's national network another feature broadcast devoted to Canada's fighting services. This exceptionally interesting broadcast, entitled "The Story of Canada's Army," will be heard on Friday, December 29th, at 7 p.m. M.S.T. from Toronto. Presented as a sound-picture of war-time activities of troops from coast to coast, the broadcast will include accounts of army manoeuvres in various parts of the Dominion. These were prepared in training centres at Halifax, Montreal, Camp Borden, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver. The above photographs show some of the war-time activities to be featured during the broadcast. The various units which go to make up a division will be heard in actual training operations across Canada. The actuality items will concern the big guns and a close defence battery. Various phases of the work of the signals and the infantry in training will be outlined. Actual tactical exercises in the field will also be a highlight of this timely broadcast.

THREE CELEBRATIONS

Three Christmases are celebrated every year in the Church of Nativity at Bethlehem. The first occurs in the Roman Catholic section on December 25; 19 days later the Greek Orthodox church hold their celebrations, to be followed by those of the Armenian church in another 13 days.

Selecting Christmas Cards

We unconsciously betray our true selves when we select Christmas cards. People who live in city apartments are apt to send drawings of farmhouses that nestle cozily among tall trees; a lawyer's holiday card is likely to be sugary with sentiment. — Collier's Weekly.

Hard to Answer

Boy—Mumma! Tired Mother—Well? Boy—When Santa Claus was a little boy, who filled his stockings?—The Country Home

William Oliver, proprietor of the Crystal Dairy, and several members of his family, visited Mrs. Oliver at the Holy Cross hospital in Calgary on Sunday. Mrs. Oliver is reported progressing slowly.

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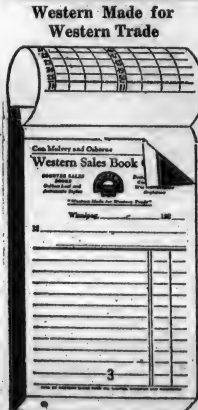
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Johnny wants to know if there's any difference between a mixed bonspiel and an ordinary Christmas cocktail.

The thickness of a whale's skin varies from two inches to two feet. They are not as thin-skinned as some humans.

Donations totalling in the neighborhood of \$1,200 have been made recently to the Drumheller Miners' hockey club.

A man should never permit a political bee to buzz around in his bonnet if he can't gracefully accept the sting of defeat.

Nine years ago Miss Nellie McWilliam resigned from the teaching staff, at Clareholm to assume the principalship of the Cowley school.

Messrs. Harry Fenwick and Ed. Gilson, of Crossfield, were visitors for a couple of days with friends in Blairmore.

Two new teachers and a nurse have been added to the Creston district school staff. The schools' enrolment is now 911.

Owing to so many people in Calgary looking uglier than usual, beauty parlors are allowed to keep open for longer hours.

Mr. J. J. Murray, who sustained a fractured leg in an accident on Friday last, is reported resting nicely in hospital at Hillcrest.

The local customs office will be open both Saturdays of the festive season till 5 p.m., and also on Tuesday, December 26th.

Food rationing in England is now becoming intense. The Englishman can no longer have his bacon with his ham and eggs for breakfast.—Ex.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Best were down from the Walrond district on Saturday. They expected soon to hibernate for the balance of the winter.

The marriage of a young couple took place at Georgetown, S.C., on Saturday last, Rev. Joseph P. King, 92, to Miss Lucille Carney, 28. It was the groom's third "steb" at it.

Red Deer has fallen in line with Alberta's lucky towns—they have a treasury house agency. Now, watch Red Deer grow and prosper in line with the treasury house scheme.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McCormack, of Lethbridge, announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Madeleine, to Mr. Albert C. Saunders, of Blairmore, the marriage to take place late this month. The bride-elect is a graduate of Holy Cross hospital, Calgary.

According to John Blackmore, if the federal government would issue more money, Social Credit dividends could be paid without increasing taxation. The fact is, if Aberhart would double up taxes on the fifty big shots, some of the hegeles might have a chance to get an unearned dollar occasionally.

The marriage took place at the home of the bride's parents in Calgary on December 8th, of Miss Emma Jean, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray S. Saunders, to Mr. Foster Andrew Shields, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Shields, of Calgary. Mr. and Mrs. Shields will reside in Calgary.

Pat Conroy, vice-president of District 18, U. M. W. of A., and Allan Meikle, representative of the Canadian Federation of Labor, will be the two union members of the committee to set up a substitute miners' organization in the Esbevan coal field in line with the agreement reached for the settlement of the strike.

Establishment of a voluntary board to plan for post-war development of Canada was urged by Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion before a recent Canadian Club luncheon. "I believe our future will be greater than the greatest visionary can dream," he said. "We can build Canada into one of the greatest countries of the world. We are just starting toward the top."

Local and General Items

The Editor will be glad to receive items for this section, regarding visitors entertained, parties leaving for holidays or short trips, bridge parties, teas, showers, presentations, anniversaries, etc. Phone items in to 11 or hand them in at The Enterprise office not later than Thursday evenings.

Joe Louis isn't of the German pocket battleship type.

The Anglican Ladies' Guild cleared \$130 from a Christmas bazaar, at Clareholm.

Cider mills in Nova Scotia have to use as low as ten cents a barrel for apples.

Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King celebrated his sixty-fourth birthday on Sunday last.

King George's Christmas broadcast will be heard in Alberta at 8 o'clock in the morning—Monday.

The Fernie curling rink will be the scene of the Crows' Nest Pass annual bonspiel, starting January 22nd, 1940.

A number of people from Southwestern Alberta are attending a school in Saskatchewan, trying to learn something of the Social Credit myth.

Just before the snow flurry of last week end a number of full-blown crocuses were picked in the hills north of Blairmore, according to Bobby Anderson.

A few days following the scuttling of the German pocket battleship Graf Spee, a similar fate was administered to the German luxury liner Columbus at the mere sight of a British cruiser.

Abie hopes soon to have money to let loose interest free. Our bet is that not one cent of Abie's cash will ever take such a chance. Public's money is a different thing—it probably has to do with the big shot!

The question was asked, how can you tell the difference between a professor and a student? The answer was: "Well, if there are only two in a room, and one of them is asleep, the other is the professor."

Quite a number have accepted the idea of sending The Enterprise to a friend for a year in the nature of a Christmas Gift. It is not too late to make it a New Year Gift, which will keep you in memory for fifty-two weeks of the year.

A party of mounted police recently swooped down on a dance party at the Alston community hall and pinched 32 of the young bucks for having liquor in their possession. They paid an average of \$20 and costs each. However, all had a good-time, and this little additional expense was nothing in a land overflowing with milk, honey, dividends, treasury houses and No. 1 hard wheat.

Hiltner's new name is given as "Heli Scuttler."

And the dinner was a quiet affair after the soup course.

Hiltner evidently didn't want the allies to use any more powder on the Graf Spee.

C. D. Jacob, of Edmonton, has been elected president of the Alberta Motor Association.

During the week many folks were noticed buying their Christmas "gifts" through the post office.

A basket of brussels sprouts was gathered in a garden near Strathmore, Alberta, last week.

At December 8th, lobster fishermen in Nova Scotia were receiving ten cents a pound for their catch.

A car containing a wedding party slid off the highway near the Wes. Blairmore traffic bridge on Sunday evening, landing wheels up in the ditch. No one was seriously hurt.

Mrs. Simpson, wife of Constable Simpson, R.C.M.P., arrived from London last week end to spend the Yuletide with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Tompkins. She is accompanied by her two children.

Odin Bertel Peter Kuntze, editor and publisher of the only Danish weekly newspaper in Canada, died at Lakeville, Nova Scotia, on December 8th, aged 56. His paper, The Danish Herald of Canada, was widely circulated in the Dominion.

Lieut. Robert Weddell, who for the past five months has assisted Capt. Watson in Salvation Army work in High River, and left for that point this district, has been transferred to early part of last week. His successor at Coleman has not yet been named.

Coleman merchants, through systematic advertising in their home paper, are preventing a whole lot of money from leaving town. In fact, they are boasting that a far smaller volume of Christmas goods than in previous years is pouring through post-office channels.

Wonder how many subscribing nickels to that Calgary fund would have done so if assured their names would not be published. The fact applies to many that they figure on getting a nickel's worth of publicity for every nickel they donate—forgetting the good cause entirely.

According to word from Edmonton, all Alberta liquor stores will be closed on Tuesday next, Boxing Day.

Hans Langsdorff, commander of the ill-fated Graf Spee, has suicided. He was sorrowing over the destruction of his vessel.

Fifty-two gifts in one. A year's subscription to The Enterprise for some former Resident of the town or district.

Ernest Rhys has resigned the presidency of Hillcrest Local Union No. 1058, U. M. W. of A. Three vacancies are now to be filled.

Canada has contributed \$4,109,364 to the Canadian Red Cross Society war fund. The society's objective was three million dollars.

Eight persons in Germany were sentenced to terms of imprisonment up to two and a half years during the past week for listening to foreign radio broadcasts.

One of the fifteen Trans-Canada Air Lines stewardesses who last year said they wouldn't think of love until they were too old to fly, Lela Finlay, first Winnipeg girl to join the staff, recently announced her marriage to Philip McKay, of Winnipeg, the ceremony to take place tomorrow.

Mr. S. White, B.A., vice-principal of the Blairmore schools, has been confined to his home through illness for several days.

"If the time ever comes when the government I am associated with fails to make progress, I am getting too old to bother with it."—Aberhart.

When the ladies start wearing dresses made of skimmed milk, they should be placed in coolers to prevent them from souring. We mean the ladies, of course.

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Here is Santa-Claus himself, with a C.B.C. microphone for a magic wand, entertaining one of the many juvenile listeners to C.B.C.'s "Children's Scrap Book," popular programme series emanating from Toronto. C.B.C. was host to many of these youngsters on December 23rd at a special Christmas show in Margaret Eaton hall, Toronto.

Strawberries In Victoria



While chilly blasts and leaf-shedding trees mark the approach of winter in Eastern Canada, horticultural-minded British Columbians on the west coast are picking fine, fat, full-flavored strawberries from thick beds. This picture taken recently in the garden of Mrs. Rudolph Olach, Victoria, shows Miss Marie Laurence with some of the

luscious berries the garden has been producing. Golf, tennis, swimming and riding are among the recreations available to visitors all winter long, and inquiries at Canadian Pacific offices and reservations at the Empress Hotel indicate that Canadians in large numbers are turning to the West Coast evergreen playground for their winter holidays.

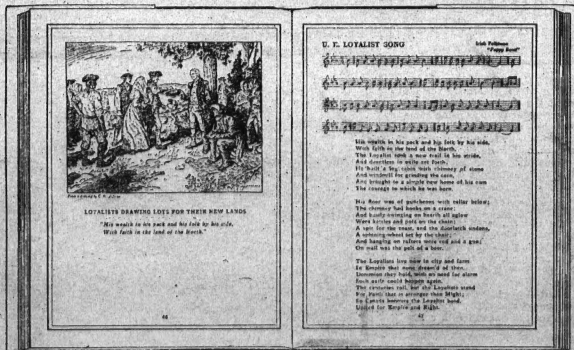
HISTORICAL NOTE

December 24th is the 125th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent. In a brochure commemorating this event we find the following two paragraphs:

"The war of 1812 between Great Britain and the United States came to an official end on December 24th, 1814, when the Treaty of Ghent was signed. This treaty, however, did not stop the naval race between Canada and the United States on the Great Lakes, nor did it stop the increasing number of forts erected on either side. Two men felt that this condition should end. Their names were Richard Rush, assistant secretary of the department of state, and Charles Bagot, British ambassador to Washington. Largely as a result of their negotiations the Rush-Bagot Treaty came into existence, which was proclaimed by President Monroe on April 28th, 1818, as in effect April 28th, 1817.

Great Britain and the United States by this agreement, brought to an end the fortification of the border, and limited ships of war on the Great Lakes to one small ship each. It was a triumph in disarmament. This Treaty, which followed the Treaty of Ghent by four years, has governed the relationships of Canada and the United States ever since, and is a monument to the faith of its originators that all controversies should be settled by peaceful negotiation without the arbitrament of war."

"What an object lesson of peace is shown by our two countries. Our protection is our fraternity, our armor is our faith, the tie that binds more firmly year by year is ever-increasing acquaintance and comradeship through interchange of citizens, and the compact is not of perishable parchment, but of fair and honorable dealing, which, God grant, shall continue for all time."

New Songs of Canadian Life
Set to tunes from the Old World

Two pages of the new book of Canadian ballads by John Murray Gibson and published by the Ryerson Press, Toronto.



J. M. GIBSON

Singing of Canada—sixty new songs of Canada—beautifully printed and illustrated and for each ballad there is a pleasant singable old tune that Mr. Gibson has dug from somewhere out of the past.

The songs are gathered into ten groups which, in a general way, cover different periods of Canadian history such as "The Pioneers" and "Settlement & Independence," while others sing of mountains, rivers and prairies—Then too, there are ballads of the canoe, of the trail and of the seasons—few months in short it is a very comprehensive book of Canadian song which should meet with a hearty welcome from Canadians everywhere.

The tunes selected and fitted with the ballads are lovely old melodies which have been brought to Canada by settlers from the British Isles and from Europe. Some of these are dance tunes, some are tunes of which the words are no longer generally known or which belong to a language that is not English. Mr. Gibson has written the ballads especially for these tunes.

The writing of ballads is to fit old and well loved tunes dates from the time of Shakespeare. When Queen Elizabeth came to the throne of England in 1558, the

CHRISTMAS LEGENDS

HERE are many superstitions connected with the coming of Christmas itself, writes Robert Haven Schauler in the introduction to his anthology entitled "Christmas." The boys are said to sing; the cattle kneel in honor of the manger, and the sheep go in procession in commemoration of the visit of the angel to the shepherds.

Hovison, in his "Sketches of Upper Canada," relates that on one moonlit Christmas Eve he saw an Indian creeping cautiously through the woods. In response to an enquiry, he said, "We watch to see deer kneel. Christmas night all deer kneel and look up to Great Spirit."

In the German Alps it is believed that the cattle have the gift of language on Christmas Eve. But it is said to attempt to play the eavesdropper upon them. An Alpine story is told of a farmer's servant who did not believe that the cattle could speak, and, to make sure, he hid in his master's stable on Christmas Eve and listened. When the clock struck twelve he was surprised at what he heard. "We shall have hard work to do this week," said one horse. "Yes, the farmer's servant is heavy," answered the other horse. "And the way to the churchyard is long and steep," said the first. The servant was buried that day week—Ex.

HISTORY HAS A LONG MEMORY

A few months before Finland's declaration of independence from Russia in 1917, after 108 years under Russian rule as a semi-autonomous grand duchy, Lenin made a speech on the Finnish question before the all-Russian conference of the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party. Lenin said: "The Finns must maintain that they are entitled to determine their own destiny in their own way, and any great Russian who denies this right is a chauvinist."

Jimmy: "Did you ever know an amateur angler to tell the truth?"
Jack: "Yes, when one of them called another a liar."

American Sailor: "That ship of ours goes so fast that we often have to stop to cool the propeller."

English Tar: "That's nothing. Our destroyers go so fast that we have to stop to pick up wireless messages."

Put Christmas Wreath
in Its Rightful Place

HEY were putting up the Christmas tree in the village community house with happy anticipations. Meanwhile two little folks and a dog were enjoying themselves on a big ice cake along the bay shore. As the ice moved off with the tide the children laughed with delight, but Pluto, after dropping his tail and thinking a moment, surprised them by giving a running leap into the water and striking out for the shore.

Not long after, Slim Gannett opened the door of his boat house to see what the dog was barking about and was greeted with a shower as Pluto shook himself. Then the dog ran in, stood upon his hind legs and begged, cocking his eyes towards the open door. As Slim did not understand this Pluto caught hold of his coat and pulled him towards the doorway. Thinking that the dog meant something, Slim finally looked out and saw the ice floating seaward with the two small figures upon it.

It did not take the old fisherman long to get his boat down to the water and push it out through the floating ice, and soon two youngsters and a happy dog were huddled up in the bow of the returning boat.

After the carols were sung that night, they put the holy wreath that had graced the top of the tree upon Slim Gannett's neck, but Slim took it off and put it upon Pluto and he acted as though he knew that he deserved it—Christopher G. Hazard.

Gay Christmas Thrill
the Greatest of All

HE love in our hearts toward our fellow men; his happy, expectant, gay eagerness of children and their joyous, merry voices; the pure, white, soft beauty of snow; the deeply refreshing aroma of the forests which for a brief period we bring into our homes; the cheer of the home fireplace; the bringing together of all members of the family; the gaiety and the enthusiasm of Christmas shoppers; the stores, decorated and blooming their lights in holiday attire; the cordial, heartfelt greetings which are extended to us and which we extend to others; the renewing of old-time friendships by the sending of a bright Christmas card; the generosity in our souls toward all; the carols which ring out the Christmas spirit of ardent worship; the bright, significant stars twinkling down from the heavens above; the simplicity and the beauty of the Christmas season; all form a part of the great Christmas thrill. There is no thrill in the world like unto it!—Mary Graham Bonner.

NOT WHAT HE
EXPECTED

LITTLE DICK was too young to spell—he was entirely by sound. Consequently he suffered a great disappointment on Christmas morning. When he beheld his Christmas tree he said solemnly: "You said it would be a fur tree, daddy!"
"It is a fir tree," answered his father.
"But I thought it was going to look like my kitty!" wailed Dick.—Martha H. Thomas.

A Late "It" Arrival
Came Just in Time

EVERYONE was watching, waiting, hoping. They all hoped "It" would surely arrive on time.
They hoped "It" would not fall them.
"It" helped the Christmas season so much.
"Everyone and everything loved 'It.' The children loved 'It,' the grown-ups loved 'It.'"
The trees of the forest loved "It." And then "It" arrived. "It" arrived late—almost when everyone was giving "It" up. But even though "It" was a late arrival "It" was not too late for Christmas day. "It" came late Christmas eve.
And haven't you guessed what "It" was?
SNOW of course!—Mary Graham Bonner.

THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Christmas spirit necessarily finds many men and women stranded on the shore, or somewhere, far from the general happiness.

Nevertheless, words of Chaucer are vital. "The faculty for happiness is a gift, in any temperament, whose wisdom and whose beauty this world too little recognizes." Chaucer's thought is not easy for a certain type of mortal to cultivate, but the holiday spirit may to an extent help out. Self-recognition was soundly urged by Marcus Aurelius many centuries ago, and writings of other Stoics preach tranquility and harmony through the philosophy that says, "It may all be for the best."

A shipwrecked sailor, buried on this coast, bids you not sail!
Full many a gallant barque, where by weathered the gale.

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THE PASS EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO

(The Blaimore Enterprise, 1921)

Dec. 22.—Blaimore's new \$15,000 arena was officially opened this week, the entire day being observed as a holiday by business and town people. The main feature of the day was a hockey game between the Champions and All-Stars, the former winning. Champions' lineup: Rhynas, goal; Barbour, r.d.; Turner (Capt.) l.d.; Goddard, r.f.; Graham, c.; Velprava, l.f.; Scott, Elwin, McLeod, subs. All-Stars: Podger, skip; Kilpatrick, r.d.; McTier, l.d.; Jenkins, r.f.; Prudden (Capt.) c.; Levassour, l.f.; Fehrenback, J. Turner, McVey, subs.

Following is the personnel of the first rinks to play in the new Blaimore curling arena: D. Martin, Hamilton, F. M. Thompson, Dan McKay, skip; J. R. Gresham, L. Dutil, J. Fisher, Capt. W. A. Beebe, skip; Fred Allott, A. Morency, J. H. Davis, Rev. Walker, skip; A. R. Granger, E. Hinds, W. H. Chappell, J. E. Upton, skip; James Loto, H. A. Gunn, A. Hamilton, J. P. O'Neill, skip; J. McMurchie, M. Gaugy, R. K. Lillie, J. B. Wilson, skip; A. Shearer, C. Smith, W. Swann, Dr. Olivier, skip; Rev. W. T. Young, A. McVey, J. Kennedy, J. Hughes, skip; A. M. Elliott, S. Trono, G. N. Elwin, J. V. McDougall, skip; James Milne, A. E. Ferguson, D. Lewis, Tom Beck, skip; D. M. J. Conway, G. Sangster, G. A. Passmore, W. Bird, skip; W. I. Huston, J. Whittellaw, John Jenkins, James Crowder, skip; Harry Burns, Raoul Green, H. Griesbach, L. L. Morgan, skip; J. E. Gillis, J. M. Carter, T. S. Dawson and J. B. Risk, skip.

J. Robertson, of Bellevue, and A. M. Morrison, of Coleman, have been appointed justices of the peace.

Red-headed girls are good weather vane. If the hair is smooth, we may expect fair weather; if it bristles up, look out for a storm.

Folks are wondering why Charlie Stewart, Archie McLeod and Frankie Oliver have been called to Ottawa by Mr. King.

The marriage of Miss Millicent May Smith to Mr. William John Evans took place in Blaimore this week.

WHO MAKES OUR FRIENDS

I think that God will never send A gift as precious as a friend; A friend who always understands, And fills a need as it demands; A friend who always stands the test, When skies are bright or overcast, Who sees our faults that merit blame, But keeps on loving just the same; Who does far more than creeds can do To make us good, to make us true. Earth's joys a sweet contentment lend But only God can make a friend!

—Anon.

Heartiest Greetings
for Christmas and
The New Year



CHRISTMAS

No matter what may be happening in the outside world, for one day at least in the year, happiness and joy are paramount, for it is Christmas Day, the day dedicated to peace on earth. And then almost immediately follows the New Year..... a fresh start is made and with high hopes we press forward. To you all, our customers and friends, we extend our good wishes for a truly happy and joyous Christmas and all success in the year to come.....

The Blaimore Enterprise

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NEW BOOKS AT

BLAIRMORE LIBRARY

Among the books recently added to the Blaimore Public Library, adult section, are the following:

"Dr. Bradley Remembers and the City of Gold," F. Bret Young.

"A Flower in His Hand," Lingstrom.

"Beware of Pity," S. Zweig.

"Growth of a Man," de la Roche.

"Exit Dictator," Oppenheim.

"Hopkin's Manuscript," Sherriff.

"Robinson of England," Drinkwater.

"House of Taverlinck," Armes-Rulier.

"Black Narcissus," Golden.

"The Brandons," Thirrell.

"Rebecca," de Maurier.

"The Wall," Rinehart.

"We Lived as Children," Hulme.

"The Woman in the Hall," Stern.

"William's Room," Rosman.

"Wind, Sand and Stars," de St. Exupery.

"Stars in Their Courses," Jeans.

"Inside Asia," Gunther.

"Orchid Hunters," McDonald.

"My Life With The Eskimos," Stefansson.

DRIVE IS SUCCESSFUL

Those in charge of the Knights of Columbus Canadian Army Huts' drive for funds for the towns of Blaimore and Frank report the drive to have been very successful. They wish to thank all those who assisted, collectors and contributors.

The funds collected have been remitted and any person desirous of seeing the particulars of the drive may do so by interviewing the campaign manager, Mr. R. Racette.

We thank Mrs. Mark Drumm, of Filmore, California, for the regular Christmas box of a sack of luscious fresh walnuts. Mr. and Mrs. Drumm were early residents of Frank and will be remembered by many old-timers. For the past twenty years or so we have been thus remembered by the Drums.

Mrs. C. E. Spangler, of Blackie, had quite a shock on September 27th when two of her turkey hens that had absented themselves from the home scene for a time flouted themselves before her, surrounded by twenty-five newly hatched young. After bringing up two good families in the early summer, they had felt the urge to set a second time and defy all laws of birth control. Eighteen of the original twenty-five are still thriving.

\$3,000 IN ALBERTA

GOODS' BONUSES

Total of \$3,000 in bonuses for Alberta goods has been made through the government's interim programme, it was made known recently. The bonus is paid on three times the amount of Alberta goods purchased by means of treasury vouchers.

To accomplish this very splendid showing the Social Credit Aberhart government set up a number of credit houses throughout the province and thereby built up a deficit of over \$60,000 in operating these credit houses.

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Christmas Day
in Own Home

By ETHEL COOK ELIOT

Mother, Father
and Children
Have Special
Guests at
Family Feast

AM ALMOST glad we're not going to our Grand-mother's for Christmas this year." Mrs. Will confided to Mr. Will a week before that great day, "Do you realize we've never had a Christmas here in our own home, just ourselves and our family?"

"Yes, I've been thinking of that," Mr. Will replied. "Let's keep it just ourselves, and give the kiddies one truly home Christmas to remember." "Usual, Mr. and Mrs. Will were in complete agreement in their ideas and emotions. Mrs. Will sighed contentment, too; for after all, such harmony as theirs is not so common in this workaday world of wives and husbands.

But as Christmas day grew nearer and nearer Mrs. Will suddenly realized she was nursing a sick conscience. There was something she had not the heart to confide to Mr. Will. Now, Mr. Will had a sick conscience, too. There was something he had not the heart to confide to Mrs. Will.

But fortunately everything was straightened out before Christmas, that day of peace, dawned.

Billy, their oldest, didn't know what the word conscience meant. Of course he had heard mother and father whispering about how nice a strictly family Christmas would be.



He had heard them, but perhaps he hadn't understood their sentiment. Anyway, at luncheon, two days before Christmas, he suddenly blurted, "Say, Mom, I've asked Jim Larkin to our Christmas dinner and the tree. You know his folks are in Europe, and he's just staying on at the school. Thought he'd like it here better. More homelike."

"Oh, bother, Billy," Lucy cried—thirteen-year-old Lady Lucy. "I've asked Patty Brown. She hasn't any folks anywhere, even in Europe. Just that snobbish great-aunt who's giving a big house party, all old folks, and doesn't want Patty around. She needs a home Christmas more than your Jim!"

Father was eyeing mother anxiously. Her bright smile unsmiled him. "Well, I'm sure there's room for them both. I am glad you have such kind hearts, children."

But now Mr. Will spoke timidly. "I'm sorry, mother, but I, too, have asked a guest. Couldn't help it somehow! That young Miller at the office. He's so cut up about his mother's death, and a boarding house is a dreary place to spend Christmas." Mr. Will's voice was timorous, almost pleading.

But Mrs. Will's bright smile had now turned to a calm, relieved one. "Oh, that's splendid, dear," she said. "For, do you know, I myself have in-



vited that pretty little Gladys Haverhill. She looked so weebegone when I met her at the grocer's Saturday and asked her whether she was going home for Christmas. She said a poor school teacher couldn't travel way across a continent even for a Christmas at home. What could I do? And do you know I've always thought Gladys and Ted Miller ought to meet. They're such nice, young people—and Gladys is so pretty!"

So that's what happened to the Will's precious family Christmas. But not one of the Will's felt that he had been cheated of anything. On the contrary! And Mr. and Mrs. Will are in closer harmony than ever. You see, they are the same sort of people—not a too common thing in workaday life. And Billy and Lucy are growing up rather like them.

IN MERRIE ENGLAND

The English Christmas is not unlike ours, save that we do not have their pretty custom of "bringing in the yule." In almost every family in England the boys and girls gather about the burning log on Christmas Eve to sing carols and tell Christmas legends. Often the children who live in the country assist at the dragging in of the huge log. An English child would not feel that it was Christmas if there were not a bit of mistletoe hanging in the hall, under which the unwary are kissed soundly. Little and big eat the rich and blissing plum pudding, and all join in the singing of Christmas carols and churchgoing.

A WISH

A Merry Christmas, yes, a day of laughter. And here's wish for every day thereafter. When Christmas goes, as it of course must do, May every day that comes be merry!

Father: "Who was that man I saw you kissing last night?"
Modern Daughter: "What time was that?"

Barber: "Do you want anything on your face when I'm finished, sir?"
Customer: "Well, I'm hoping you'll leave my nose."

May Your Christmas Be Happy
And Your New Year Prosperous

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Happy New Year to Every Citizen of
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yours in 1940 and always

Yours faithfully,

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DECEMBER 18, 1939.

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To You All

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Customs Are All Wrong

Most Of Those At Christmas
Have No Connection
With It

YOU'LL be giving presents this Christmas. Your house will be decked with holly and mistletoe, there'll be a Christmas tree, and the kids will be hanging up their stockings. Maybe you'll go to church.

Of all these customs, only one has any real connection with Christmas. That is the last-mentioned — and probably least observed. Exchanging presents belongs properly to the New Year. Christmas trees existed long before Christianity. And old Santa Claus is quite out of place at Christmas. His date—St. Nicholas Eve—is really December 5.

In certain countries New Year is still the gift season, as it was in the earliest days of Rome.

The Romans generally gave figs and dates covered with gold leaf, accompanied by money with which to buy statues of the gods. Mistletoe has really no Christmas significance, for it was the Druids' New Year gift—cut from the sacred trees with a golden knife to the

Cautious Queen

Down through the ages, from B.C. to A.D., New Year remained the time for gifts. Christmas presents were still unknown in the time of Henry III, but New Year presents weren't. In fact, that monarch extorted New Year gifts from his subjects as his right. Queen Elizabeth depended on New Year gifts for her magnificent wardrobe—and it is recorded that she took good care not to give too much back.

Pins and gloves were the most popular presents. At the end of the fifteenth century, women were still using wooden skewers, and welcomed an "expensive" present of pins. Often they received instead money to buy the pins themselves—which gave us the expression "pin-money."

Origin Of Trees

Christmas trees were introduced into England from Germany not so long ago—but for their true origin one must go back to ancient Egypt, where palm trees put forth a shoot every month and were of festive significance at the end of the year, because they bore twelve shoots, representing twelve months. New Year again, you see.

Whether or not it was that giving presents to children on December 5, in recognition of the kindly St. Nicholas, the festivities of Christmas, and the exchange of gifts at New Year, became too expensive as individual customs, the fact remains that gradually they all became lumped together on Christmas Day.

Christmas Time Savers

A quick and effective way to cut canned peel is to rub it on a suet grater.

To blanch almonds, place them in a pan of cold water, bring slowly to the boil, then drop immediately into cold water. If this method is adopted the skins can be removed by rubbing the almonds between the fingers.



Spending Christmas Day With a Bandit Chief In Old Manchuria

It happened some years back, writes Lance Colan, that I was in Mukden during the Christmas season. Manchuria, or Manchukuo as it is now called, is not my idea of the best place to spend the festive season, although it certainly provided me with one of the strangest Christmas Days that I have yet spent.

In the days of which I tell the country was still nominally under the control of the Chinese Government. In actual fact it was governed by a bandit chief—they were commonly known as war lords—who took orders from no one, and maintained his position and power by sheer force and repression.

This bandit chief was Marshal Chang. The profession of war lord is a decaying one in China, but a few years back huge areas of the country knew no other form of rule.

The population of Manchukuo today appear to be no more happy than they were in the days of Marshal Chang, which are already being remembered as though they belonged to a past Utopia.

Machine-Gun Welcome
Mukden is a depressing city. In the winter it is bitterly cold and wind-swept. In the summer it is exceedingly hot. There were few town improvements, as

at the entrance gate of the estate. It was surrounded by a ten-foot stone wall, on the top of which ran electrified wires. At night time—powerful searchlights played along these wires, and woe betide anyone who tried to climb over. There were constant guards in the sentry boxes, with machine-guns trained along the walls.

Just to show that they were keeping careful watch the guards would, at intervals, fire off their machine-gun.

Whispering for Tips
At the entrance gates we were stopped by an armed guard, who carefully saw that we were all correct. This was fairly obvious, for as a protection we had been given a small mounted armed guard of eight soldiers who had accompanied the party from Mukden.

On arrival we all appreciated very much the glasses of hot toddy, made with the best Scotch whisky.

We were then shown into a large room where we were introduced to the Marshal and his rather considerable family. What ever defects Marshal Chang may have had they did not include that of being a poor host. He was most gracious and kind; soon everyone was feeling quite at home.

merchant for a dozen bottles of everything included in his price-list. There were champagne and cider. Vodka bottles stood next to Italian vermouth. Beer had not been forgotten, and many popular brands were provided. I have never seen such alcoholic lavishness, although apart from one or two Germans who were present, it was not appreciated as it might have been by more generous drinkers. On the whole we were a very sober lot, and none of the missionaries forgot himself.

Tyrant's Day Off

The Marshal himself ate little, but drank a considerable amount of very sweet champagne, which he carried very well, for it seemed to have no effect on him. He remained all through dinner urbane and kindly. The atmosphere was very happy, and the children, who had at first been a little scared, soon lost their reserve.

By the time they reached the cracker-pulling stage they found the Marshal to be the kindest of gentlemen they had ever met. They all chose him to pull crackers with. I found myself wondering how it was possible for him to be the ruthless tyrant who would order the massacre of hundreds without a thought in order to



Origin of Greeting Cards

Less Than a Century Ago
They Replaced Long
Letters

THE greatest volume of Christmas mail consists of greeting cards. This branch of the season's trade is rapidly increasing. Every year card designs become more varied and colorful, and stationers everywhere report bigger sales.

Yet it is less than a century since the first Christmas cards made their appearance in England.

In days gone by it used to be a general custom to write long letters to all one's friends and acquaintances at Christmas-time. People who never met each other from one year's end to another would exchange at least a dozen pages of greeting a few days before the 25th, and this letter-writing often occupied several weeks.

First to Publish

The credit for inventing the time-saving card goes to a Birmingham artist named William A. Dobson, who later became a member of the Royal Academy. In 1844 he designed a card, painted with rich colors, symbolizing the spirit of Christmas. In the following year he had his little masterpiece lithographed and sent copies to some of his friends.

Other claimants for the invention of Christmas cards were Sir Henry Cole, a famous Civil Servant, and the Rev. W. E. Bradley, a clergyman and author who lived in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. It is said, however, that both these men took the idea from Dobson's original card which had been shown to them.

If Sir Henry did not actually produce the earliest card, he was at any rate the first person to publish them. Several well-known artists of the day were invited to submit designs and by 1848 cards were on sale in the shops. These cost 25 cents each.

Less than ten years afterwards the novelty had acquired widespread popularity. A score of publishers in London, Edinburgh, and other cities were producing quite a wide variety of good designs.

Sentimental Victorians

The Christmas cards that appeared in the sixties and seventies of last century were of a rather sentimental character, rather like the popular Valentines of the same period. But the year 1895, or thereabouts, they had reached a high degree of merit and the better varieties were quite outstanding examples of the printers' art.

Some time ago it became fashionable to collect Christmas card designs that had been produced before the Great War. Perhaps the largest collection ever put together was one comprising no fewer than 163,000 different varieties. This was housed in seventy thick folio volumes!

The first 25 cent card published by Sir Henry Cole still has a high value among present-day collectors, and a genuine half-colored specimen fetches as much as £250 or \$300. But the reprints that were issued much later have no value at all.

Seasonable Sentiment

While rich men sigh and poor men fret,
Dear me! We can't spare Christmas yet!

—Edward S. Martin,
Christmas, 1898.



CHRISTMAS YAWNING

This little one has awakened a trifle too early, in a childish anxiety not to miss Santa Claus. However, that expression of tired boredom will pass like a flash when her eyes see what the good Father Christmas has left for her.

Western civilization understands the word.

Marshal Chang governed with a firm and drastic hand. But he had considerable popularity with the poor and with children, of whom he was very fond. He was also on friendly terms with the small foreign community, which ranged from a newspaper correspondent to a mixture of American missionaries, mostly recruited from the Middle West.

A few days before Christmas we all received an invitation to a party to be given by the Marshal on Christmas Day. It was an honor, regarded as a command. Everyone went.

Wrapped up to the teeth, for it was freezing cold, we drove out to the Marshal's home, which lay about a mile outside Mukden. Motor-cars were out of the question, for the roads or tracks were liquid mud which had become frozen. The little carriages in which we travelled heaved and rocked like corks in a rough sea. To make our progress more unpleasant we found that the Marshal had made his road proof against any possible form of rapid transport. The last half mile before we reached his gates had been trenched in zig-zag fashion every thirty yards. Sometimes one of the wheels would slip into the side of a trench, and we had to get out and heave.

After a very slow progress we arrived

In a short time a servant came in to say dinner was served. We all went into another adjoining room where there was a small army of Chinese servants to wait on us. They had evidently been carefully trained, for on every odd occasion they would whisper in one's ear, "Happy Christmas, happy Christmas." For this greeting they expected a financial reward.

Dishes of Mystery
The menu was a strangely varied one. It consisted of the following dishes:

Mushroom and Crab Soup.
Shark's Fins.
Garouba Fish.
Chicken—Duck—Turkey.
Bamboo and Ponco Noodles.
Plum Pudding.

In addition the table was covered with a variety of small dishes containing a strange assortment of food. It never does to inquire what such dishes are. You either eat them, and possibly like them, or leave them alone. Squamishness is not encouraged at a Chinese dinner party.

The drinks appeared to comprise every possible selection, and Marshal Chang must have sent an order to some wine

maintain his power.

The meal continued for over an hour, and most of us were feeling very satisfied both with Christmas and with life. At a sign from the Marshal we went back into the original room. The servants during our absence had brought in a large Christmas tree which had been lit up with many colored candles, and laden with numerous presents. Nothing would satisfy the children but that our host should dress himself up as Father Christmas. He did this cheerfully, and had there been a competition for a champion Chinese Father Christmas I am sure the Marshal would have won. He beamed radiantly, and personified geniality.

He started to give out the presents to the youngsters. Just as he was beginning on the older people a servant came into the room and whispered a message into his ear. He asked to be excused for a few minutes. On his return he carried on as before and we all were delighted with the taste and generosity he had shown in the selection of gifts. My own present from him was 100 Corona cigars, and a gold wrist-watch.

The evening soon passed, and the time came when we resolved to start on the journey home. But before we actually left the Marshal had prepared one more surprise. As we went out of the front door he must have given some signal, for every side there showered into the clear winter sky a magnificent display of fireworks.

DICKENS' CHRISTMAS CAROL

Many merry Christmases, friendships, great accumulation of cheerful recollections, affection on earth, and Heaven at last for all of us.

—Charles Dickens,
to John Forster, 1846.

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The New Year

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New Year

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That Gobbler for Christmas

By CLARA DELAFIELD

They Just Could Not Kill the Bird They Had Watched Grow Up From Babyhood

AL, marm, I might let you have the gobbler for Christmas," said Silas Hicks. "He'll be a fine bird by then."

But I dunno. He's the only one I've reared out of that brood, and I'm kinder attached to him."

However, he promised Mrs. James finally to let her have the gobbler. Silas Hicks was not a sentimental man. He was a farmer, and in business for the money it brought him. He had a brother John, who had gone to the city and made money hand over fist. John was a crusty old bachelor and largely devoid of the sense of family obligations.

There had been a time, five years before, when things went badly with Silas. There was a heavy mortgage to meet, the crops had been a failure, and he had been in danger of dispossession. Besides, his wife was on her sickbed, from which she was never to arise.

Silas had gone in his despair to the brother whom he had not seen for years. John had turned him down flat. "Father left you the farm because you played up to him, and kicked me out into the world," he said. "Now I've made my pile, you have the nerve to come to me for help. I don't see it, Silas."

"My wife's sick," pleaded Silas, "and you've got more money than you know what to do with."

"Oh, I can find a use for it," John rejoined caustically. "Maybe if you'd



shown a little sympathy for me when I was hoofing it on the sidewalks I'd have a little more for you, Silas."

Silas went home. Somehow he managed to survive the crisis. But his wife died, and he grew lonelier and lonelier. If he had had a few thousand dollars he would have sold out and gone south to live, somewhere away from this bleak New England coast. But he could just manage to make both ends meet. Daily he cursed his brother in his heart.

He started raising turkeys, and that was a failure. Only the gobbler lived. He used to watch the bird with interest. The gobbler would come clucking after him for crumbs. And it was odd how it looked like John.

He began to coddle John. It had a queer way of putting its head upon one side and calling, as John used to do when he was a boy. Gradually, to old Silas' fancy, the gobbler became an entity of John. He hated it.

He hated it, and he was attached, too. He made a sort of pet of the gobbler. He wanted it to love him, so far as a turkey gobbler is capable of love. Then, when Christmas came, he was going to cut its throat very slowly, bending its head back to see the terror in its eyes. He would thus have his revenge upon his brother.

"Yes, marm, John's thriving nicely and putting on flesh," he told Mrs. James. "Here he comes. John! John!"

Up came the big gobbler, put its



head on one side and surveyed Silas to see if he had any bread crumbs.

"Isn't he the cutest thing!" said Mrs. James. "I don't wonder you can't hear to let me have it, Mr. Hicks."

"Oh, that'll be all right, marm," responded Silas cheerily.

An elemental hatred for the gobbler had come to fill his heart. Christmas was at hand. He pictured how, on the morrow, he would grab the bird, he would insult it with all the turkey abuse that he had picked up from it; then it should die slowly, as he would like John to die.

On Christmas morning he found a letter from an unknown correspondent in the city. Opening it, he read that his brother John was dead.

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